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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

3 M C Gp,
Victoria Barracks,
BRISBANE.

No 4600

MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER NO Q/117

MOVEMENT OF A CADRE 16 INF BN

BRISBANE TO PUCKAPUNYAL

Reference LANDFORCES QM3002, the abovementioned Cadre will move to destination by Regular Trooper N60 on Wednesday 23 Jan 46, in accordance with the following arrangements:-

Serial 1 -

Personnel - 12 all ranks

Serial 2

Stores - 300 lbs DW

2. MOVEMENT OF SERIAL 1:

a. Entrainment -

Personnel will report to RTO CLAPHAM at 1330 hrs on Wednesday 23 Jan 46 and will entrain under his direction.

b. Parade State -

OC Unit will hand to RTO CLAPHAM one (1) copy of Unit Parade State showing entrainment figures.

c. Time Table -

23 Jan	CLAPHAM	depart 1430 hrs	
	CASINO	arrive 1814 hrs	R
		depart 1915 hrs	R
24 Jan	GLOUCESTER	arrive 0550 hrs	R
		depart 0710 hrs	R
	GOSFORD	arrive 1128 hrs	R
		depart 1237 hrs	R
	SYDNEY	arrive 1442 hrs	R
		depart 1825 hrs	R
25 Jan	ALBURY	arrive 0547 hrs	R
		depart 0650 hrs	R
	SEYMOUR	ETA 0952 hrs	

R - Railway Refreshment Rooms.
All timings Zone K.

d. Rail Warrants & Meal Requisitions -

RTO CLAPHAM will issue Rail Warrants, bulk second class to SEYMOUR and Meal Requisitions as per Time Table.
Personnel, including Officers will use own Mess Kits at all Railway Refreshment Rooms.

e. OC Train -

On entrainment personnel will come under command Permanent OC Train N 60 for journey BRISBANE to SEYMOUR.

3. MOVEMENT OF SERIAL 2:

a. Loading of Stores -

Stores will be loaded at SOUTH BRISBANE at 0930 hrs on Wednesday 23 Jan 46 under the direction of RTO SOUTH BRISBANE (G). Stores to be loaded into Van attached to N60 departing same day.

b. Consignment Notes -

RTO SOUTH BRISBANE (G) will issue Consignment Notes to SEYMOUR.

4. ARRIVAL SEYMOUR:

On movement to Camp Location as arranged by 2 M C Gp.

5. RISK OF INJURY:

OC Train will instruct personnel that on no account must they allow any portion of their bodies to protrude from carriages on which they are riding.

6. Acknowledgment is requested.

W. Hatten Major

Lt-col
AQM (Mov & Tn)

Signed at 22/1/46 K

22 Jan 46.

DISTRIBUTION:

A Cadre 16 Inf Bn, c/- 3 M C Gp	1
RTO SOUTH BRISBANE (G)	2
RTO CLAPHAM	3
MCO FREIGHT	4
RTO SYDNEY	5
1 M C Gp	6
HQ NSW L of C Area	7
RTO ALBURY	8
RTO SEYMOUR	9
RTO SPENCER ST	10
2 M C Gp	11
HQ Vic L of C Area	12
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APPENDIX " C "

RECORDS OF OPERATIONAL PATROLS

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16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

30 Apr 45.

IP1/6

PATROLS

1. The conduct of Unit Patrols, with very few exceptions has been good, and the reports of Patrol Comds indicates that the search for information is allowing nothing to be passed unnoticed. The following points, however, have been noted for the attention of all patrol comds.

2. TIME AND SPACE: A patrol comd in assessing his 'time and space', should always allow some time for eventualities such as loss of direction, etc. However his TIME IN should never be earlier than half an hour of the time ordered.

3. Similarly the comd of a patrol operating to a TIME LIMIT must ensure that the maximum ground is covered before turning back.

4. COMMUNICATIONS: The importance of reporting to a time schedule is in some cases not realised. Due to climatic conditions and the nature of the terrain, W/T, as a means of comm has proved unreliable. A patrol comd must endeavour to report at times ordered. Often his position at a time ordered for reporting will be on terrain from which it is impossible to contact home sta. Signal pers operating with patrols can advise the comd of positions most suitable for est comms. These opportunities must be used when it is impossible to report at times ordered.

5. In the event of a Patrol Comd having nothing to report he must pass back his position and time as well as NMS.

6. PIGEONS: Pigeons are most reliable alternative means of comm. The short period for which they can be retained greatly restricts their usefulness. Pigeons, which are sent fwd from the left at 0000 hrs on the day received by the Coy, must be released within 36 hrs. Patrol Comds should retain pigeons to the above time limit, to meet emergencies and release them on the return of the patrol.

7. It is NOT necessary to ^{send} written message with a bird released at it's time limit.

R. Horley

Lt-col.

R. HORLEY.
Comd. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

Distribution: All Officers

RECCE REPORTS

These reports should be presented in three parts:

PART i.

Should contain only short answers to topographical questions that may have been asked by the comd, & remarks as to the salient features of the recce. With regard to salient features, information should be briefly stated under the following headings.

1. Nature of Track (incl its traversability to Jeeps)
2. Nature of country.
3. Local Resources (incl water)
4. Obstacles. Do not mention here minor obstacles such as swamps, creeks etc., but include items that would directly impede large tp movement, i.e. unfordable rivers

PART ii.

This will contain all details submitted in the following manner:-

PLACE (incl map ref)	MARCHING TIME (mins)	APPROX DIST (horizontal)	REMARKS
MATALE RIVER (085948)	0	0	Swift flowing river 60 ^x wide, unfordable, Native canoes always available. Two well defined tracks leave on opposite bank. Take track to NORTH, Track SW goes to BAIN.
Garden (087954)	8	600 ^x	Track becomes indistinct near gardens. Garden overgrown.
SASO (TASO) (092960)	20	1000 ^x	Steep upgrade-very hard going. Occupants of village give name as 'TASO' not 'SASO'
TRACK JUNG (094962)	2	150 ^x	Take track to EAST -- track NW goes to BOBO
CREEK (dry) (097978)	35	2000 ^x	Easy going along well formed pad with gradual descent. Follow creek bed up stream for 100 ^x (track ind-escernable). Track leaves creek at blazed tree on EAST bank.

PART iii

Enlargement, trace, or sketch of track. Scale to be in an even multiple with the scale of existing maps. With an existing map of one inch to one mile, a scale of four inches to one mile is a suitable & convenient scale. Include information contained in Part ii on enlargement.

Parts i & ii should both be headed in the following manner:-

1. Nature of recce & Offr making report.
2. From..... To.....
3. Route marching time (estimate for tps with scale 'B')
4. Approx distance
5. Date
6. Weather conditions
7. Ref maps

All parts should be mounted so that Part iii opens clear of the other parts.

PATROL REPORTS

Patrol Reports will be headed as follows:-

1. Object of Patrol, & Offr making report:
2. Party:
3. Date & time of start:
4. Date & time of return:
5. Route
6. Weather conditions:
7. Ref maps

There are no set headings for the body of a Patrol Report. A Patrol Report merely answers the operational questions or tasks given to the patrol by higher comd.

- R E S T R I C T E D -

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

3 JAN 45

- INT SEC -

RECCE REPORTS AND PATROL REPORTS

It is the responsibility of all ranks operating in new country to report information regarding the country through which they have passed. Topographical information is of equal importance to commanders as is information regarding the enemy. This applies particularly to the country in which we are now operating. Detailed topographical information of what lies ahead is very scant & unit commanders & higher formations depend more than ever on the information passed back by fwd troops.

Patrol reports & Recce reports are two distinctly different reports. They are connected only by the fact that, in performing its duties, a patrol traverses new ground & as it is the responsibility of everyone to report on new topography, the patrol commander is required to furnish two reports -- One, a Patrol Report dealing with operations, & two, Recce Report dealing with topography.

To assist the Intelligence Sec in the collation of information, it is necessary that a uniform system of reporting be adopted by all troops. For this purpose the following pro formas will be adopted within this unit.

PATROL REPORTS

Patrol reports will be headed as follows:-

1. Object of patrol & dir making report.
2. Date & time of report.
3. Route & distance.
4. Weather conditions.

These are the headings for the body of a patrol report. The report should contain the operational details of the patrol & the results of the operations.

NOTES ON APPRECIATIONS

Ref: MPT 23 Pt III
 Instrs for Trg Sec 53
 ATM 27
 Trg Regs Sec 22

1. DEFINITION

An appreciation is a review of a military problem or situation based on all available infm and culminating in a plan of action to be taken to meet the situation.

2. SEQUENCE

All appreciations will be in the following accepted logical sequence -

- (a) The object to be attained
- (b) Factors (or considerations) which affect the attainment of the object
- (c) Courses open to both sides
- (d) The plan

3. THE OBJECT

The whole appreciation is related to the object and it is essential that it be clearly and accurately stated and understood. There can be only one object in any one appreciation.

4. CONSIDERATIONS WHICH AFFECT THE ATTAINMENT OF THE OBJECT - "FACTORS"

Nothing should be written which is not essential to the solution of the particular problem in hand, that is considerations must be relevant to the object.

Certain factors will usually be present :-

- (a) Ground : Is a vital factor in every tactical appreciation and must be studied with a view to:-

In Attack

- (i) Enemy localities, Or's and probable obstacles
- (ii) Important tactical features, the capture of which will upset the enemy's def plan or bring the best opportunities of exploiting success.
- (iii) Defilade
- (iv) Ground suitable for observation, concealed forming up places.
- (v) Good posts for supporting fire.
- (vi) Covered approaches.

In Defence

- (i) Assessing obstacles
- (ii) Arty observation
- (iii) Concealment and possibility of surprise

- (iv) Prevention of enemy observation
- (v) Fd of fire
- (vi) Facilities for withdrawal

- (b) Relative Strengths - posn, str, armament, morale etc.
- (c) Time and Space
- (d) Security
- (e) Comms which must influence every plan
- (f) Weather
- (g) Water sup

Begin with factors which appear likely to have greatest influence on the situation. Take each in sequence and each deduction should naturally lead to the next.

Deductions from factors are essential. No factors should be mentioned without relevant deduction nor should a deduction be stated unless supported by a factor. A general rule is to write down the deduction after each factor, although sometimes a comprehensive deduction may follow a group of factors.

5. COURSES OPEN TO BOTH SIDES

Avoid unnecessary detail

Consider own courses first unless the initiative definitely rests with the enemy. Set out each course open to us, together with probable outcomes, and follow with courses open to enemy, considered in the same manner. Compare each course individually with all the courses open to the enemy and state probable outcome.

The final decision as to which is to be adopted must be left until due consideration has been given to the possibilities of counter measures open to the enemy.

6. PLAN OR CONCLUSIONS

Logical outcome of previous argument.

Concise and clear statement of your decision. Briefly set the plan out clearly in sub-paras. Plan NOT to be comprehensive as method para in orders.

7. Headings and paragraphs

Example as a guide to headings and paragraphing -

SECRET

Appreciation of the Situation

by

.....

at.....(place) at.....(hrs)

on.....(date)

Ref map.....

.....3/

OBJECT

- 1. (what it is intended to achieve during period under consideration)

FACTORS

- 2. Ground Deduction
- 3. Time and Space
 - (a) Deduction
 - (b) Deduction
- 4. Relative Forces..... .. Deduction

COURSES

- 5. (to us)
 - (a))
 - (b))
 - (c))
 - (d))
 State main points for and against each course (e.g. Advantages & Disadvantages)
- 6. (to enemy)
 - (a))
 - (b))
 - (c))
 - (d))
 State enemy courses and how they will affect yours
- 7. I will adopt 5(d), because.....

PLAN

- 8. (a))
 - (b))
 - (c))
 - (d))
- Intention and Method

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

6 JAN '45

PATROL REPORT - No 3 PATROL (POMIO)

PREPARED BY Lt A.R.V. WATSON

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. OBJECT: To est Track block at POMIO to prevent enemy approach from NORTH.
2. PARTY: COMD: Lt R.H. BOYD; Lt A.R.V. WATSON
TPS: 2 Pl HQ Coy (str 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, 35 O/Rs including 1 cook)
with under comd:
1 det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (2 O/Rs)
1 light sec 2 Aust Fd Amb (1 Offr, 11 O/Rs)
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Sig Pl
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Int Sec.
1 O/Rs 16 Bn SB.
3. DATE OF DEPARTURE
4. DATE OF RETURN: 0800 hrs, 18 Dec 44. from SWAN BEACH.
0730 hrs, 4 JAN '45.
5. ROUTE: (a) Out by barge.
(b) Return along Jap track through BAIEN & MALAKUA.
6. WEATHER CONDITONS:
Generally raining. Ground very wet.
7. REF MAP: ESIS River 1: 63,360
8. GENERAL: (a) PATROL BASE: Est at mouth of MATALE RIVER ref 072938. All round defence.
(b) LISTENING POSTS:
Est on tracks at ref 085944 and 071948.
(c) TRACK TRAVERSE:
Comprehensive traverse compiled and handed to 16 Bn HQ by Int sec who found many errors on existing maps regarding posns of tracks and villages.
(d) VILLAGES:
(i) POMIO a well kept clean village of approx 15 huts. At least four canoes were owned by the village including one large sea going canoe which would carry seven men.
(ii) SALI - three miles EAST of POMIO on the coast. Clean village of approx 15 huts which included one large building of sawn timber with gal iron roof, the residence of the Paramount LULUAI of the district. One or two huts in poor state of repair. No canoes.
(e) OLD POLICE POST:
On top of small hill over looking POMIO.

(e) Cont

Two very indistinct tracks to it. Nice clearing planted with trees and flowers. Only the piles of a large house, a tank stand and a 500 gal Gal iron tank slightly damaged remain. Natives say Japs destroyed house.

(f) CROCODILES:

Natives report one Mary and one Piccananny taken by Crocodiles in MATALE RIVER recently. One fourteen foot crocodile seen in sea near POMIO.

(g) WATER:

In the hills water is mainly subterranean but usely sufficient running water, can be found to drink.

(h) NATIVES:

Natives encountered in coastal villages very friendly and helpful. Hill RANAKAS reputed to be unreliable but seemed quite friendly. Nearly all understand some Pidgin English.

(i) RATIONS:

Rations supplied supplemented by Fish which were plentiful, were adequate.

(j) NATIVES SING SING

Every village within walking distance of SALI ~~30 Dec 44~~ were well pepresented at SING SINGS held at SALI 30 Dec 44 and ANGAU KAMALGAMAN on 31 Dec 44. Many passed through Patrol Base including six Luluais and four Tul Tuls on 30 Dec 44.

(k) POLICE BOYS

Lived in POMIO village and were available to assist patrols each day, except during the period 30 Dec to 1 Jan 45, including whilst they attended Sing Sing.

(l) RELIEF POST:

11 Bn relief took over all stores, cooking gear and amm 0730 hrs 4 Jan 45, for which signatures were obtained.

14 days rations were also taken over plus a quantity of unused rations, which had accumulated due to Fish supplementing the patrol's Rations.

(m) DIARY ATTACHED.

A.R.V. Watson Lt

A.R.V. WATSON PATROL COMD.

REPORT...No 3 PATROL...POMIO.COMMANDER: Lt. BOYD R. H.PART I...GENERAL.

2.

BASES.

Temp. base was est. at point outside POMIO Village on 18 Dec 44. Listening posts were placed on tracks as notified on 20 Dec 44.

Permanent base est. vicinity track junc. on 22 Dec. Listening posts remained. Nearest post shifted out to track bend notified as map correction.

2.

LISTENING POSTS.

Situated astride tracks in an all round def. posn. Warning of approach system installed in area with use of vines and bully beef tins.

Covered line of withdrawal to base made. Tour of duty per patrol..48 hrs. Strength..1 N.C.O. and 6 O/Re. Normal weapons carried plus Grenades.

3.

POLICE BOYS.

Were very helpful in minor ways as guides and interpreters in early stages. Found that they knew very little about the country in which my patrols were operating.

4.

NATIVES..POMIO VILLAGE.

Had excellent co-operation from chief and village natives at all times. Where necessary, I worked through the TUL-TUL when using the natives for small working parties..shifting stores etc. Natives instructed men in art of using vines for tying boxes to poles for carriage. Men of patrol acted well towards the natives at all times and I had NO occasion to reprimand anyone except to issue warning that men were EOT to converse with the natives any more than was necessary in the course of duty.

5.

RATIONS.

Men on patrol did all their own cooking in individual mess tins. IN early stages, they went hungry through lack of experience in cooking, but soon found out the best way to make the most of the iron rations with which they were issued. Cooking done at base was excellent, and in this respect, I would particularly commend the job done by Fte BARRETT of HQ Coy. Under adverse conditions, he kept the standard of cooking high, and at all times with his cheery attitude, was a morale booster. His control and appreciation of rations and quantities was good, and I have no hesitation in recommending him as a Cpl cook. With the help of the Police Boys and village natives good quantities of fish were obtained.

6.

HYGIENE AND MEDICAL.

I had under command, a party of Ft. Amb. personnel commanded by Lt. DOUGLAS. He took control of all hygiene arrangements and installed in the patrol base area a good latrine, the necessary urinals, incinerator for the burning of tins and refuse, a deep pit for the burial of burnt tins, and a grease trap, all of which were maintained in good working order at all times. Medical supplies were short at first, but sufficient stocks were obtained from 6 Bde at CUTARP, and it was possible to treat any minor injuries or illnesses that
Amb. Pte. was

6 cont.

quite satisfactory.

7.

A.N.G.A.H.

As per instructions, I contacted Maj. ROBERTS and from him obtained instructions regarding use of Police Boys and village natives. Police Boys were to be used as I found necessary, guides etc; and were to be treated as British soldiers at all time. Village natives could be used as carriers when available and must be paid for all services given by them. I informed Maj. ROBERTS of my job at POMIO and of my locations. He had no special instructions for me and offered assistance in any way that I needed it.

8.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Wireless communication was not good for the first 48 hrs of the patrol, but improved, and for the period of my tour of duty, was carried at strength 5. From listening posts to the patrol base, runner was used when necessary. This means would be too slow in the event of a sudden alarm, and I would recommend that telephone lines controlled by En. Sigs. be run from post to base. A line is being run from 5 Div. to 6 Bde. and the line runs right by the patrol base. In case of a breakdown of W/T comm; I would recommend that the post at POMIO and also Bde be too into this line, thus establishing a faster and surer means of giving warnings. The att. Sigs. performed their duties to my satisfaction.

9.

DEFENSIVE POSTS.

As far as I could, I commenced preparation of an entrenched all round defensive perimeter at base. Water was struck at approx. depth of 18", so to overcome this, the building of sangers was commenced above the ground by using logs and earth as added protection, all suitably camouflaged. Owing to the fact that the logs for this purpose had to be cut some distance from the base so as to maintain as perfect a camouflage of the base as was possible, the work was slow and only the preparation of one section post. was completed on my departure. This preparation will be carried on by Lt. WATSON.

10.

INTELLIGENCE SECTION.

The "I" section under my command were continually used on track recess and did quite a lot of map correction work which has been submitted to En HQ. This work was being continued when I departed, in the form of a three day moving patrol.

11.

STRENGTH OF PATROL.

I would recommend that the strength of the patrol be increased to the following:

1 Offr. 1 Sgt 6 Cpls 36 O/Rs plus batmen, runner and the usual attachments of Sigs "I" sec. cook etc.

This would allow 6 complete patrols, two of which would be on duty on listening posts, two resting and two being used on camp duties. (These two patrols could be changed with others as warranted

12.

DIARY.

This was maintained daily and contains only the bare main notes of importance. I handed over to Lt WATSON the Diary I had been keeping,

13.

TOPOGRAPHICAL.

See Int. Section track piece reports
and map traces and corrections.


_____ Lt.

R.H. BOYD No 1 Patrol Comd.

- DIARY -

No 3 PATROL ' POMIO '

6 JAN '45

PERIOD 18 DEC 44 - 4 JAN '45

PREPARED BY Lt R.H. BOYD.

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1944

DEC 18

Patrol departed 0800 hrs from SWAN BEACH - arrived POMIO 0930 hrs. Contacted Luluai and Tul-Tul, gained permission to establish temporary camp outside village. Unable to contact Bde. Camp erected - good hygiene set up and controlled by 2 Fd Amb Offr, Lt Douglas. No guns or Amn came on barge. Natives did not like Japs and they had not been seen in the vicinity for a long period. Lt Price and 1 NCO stayed overnight.

DEC 19

Improved camp area. Made recce of listening post areas. Prepared orders for patrols to move out on 20 Dec 44. Contacted Bde and advised posn of post. Police Boys (1 NCO 5 O/Rs) arrived at post. - staying in village. Fish plentiful, some caught near Mangroves. Lt Price and Sjt Chamberlain left for camp 0800 hrs.

DEC 20

Normal camp duties. Barge arrived 1030 hrs. Lt-col Horley, Capt Fletcher, Int Sjt and batman, 21 days rations, guns, amn and Canteen supplies on board. Informed Bde. Col Horley and Pte Slee (flu' suspect) returned on barge. Received extra instrs from Capt Fletcher and reced North track with him. Patrols departed 1130 hrs, North Post inspected - OK only temporary. Received message re channel km through reef. Sent message re ANGAU trip.

21 DEC

Capt Fletcher and party left 0710 hrs. I went to ANGAU at KAMALGAMAN, left 0500 hrs, arrived 0700 hrs. Good track - water plentiful. Contacted Maj Roberts. Checked on Natives, Police, Tasks. Departed 0800 hrs, arrived camp 1005 hrs. 2 Fd Amb det prepared hygiene new camp site. Posts sited with view to all round defence. Moved small amount of stores by canoe. South listening post moved to new post. Issued instr for move to new Camp site on 22 Dec 44. Sent messages RAB 6, 7, & 8.

DEC 22

Prepared to move. Shifted stores and kitchen by canoe and track. New camp site at mouth of Matala River. Off coming patrols report slight native movement through posts. Base fully occupied 1800 hrs. Air raid alarm. Food good. Barrett doing excellent job. Men all fit and healthy. Arranged canoes tomorrow for final stores. Pass words start 1800 hrs - LILY.

DEC 23

Establishing new camp. Stores move completed 1000 hrs. Natives paid 30 sticks tobacco for 3 days work. Air raid alarm. Sent messages RAB 11-12. Password LITTLE.

DEC 24

Posts received 1200 hrs. Int sec continue track recce with 2 Police Boys each. Return 1330 hrs. Barge called in for Sig NCO - directed to ANGAU.2. Password LOCAL.

DEC 25

Allowed men in base camp free day. Issued ACF hampers. Evac AAME Pte to ANGAU by canoe, thence to 6 Bde by jeep. Meals good. No reports from patrols. Password LULL.

DEC 26

Slight rain morning. Posts received 1200 hrs. Started dig def posn, struck water at 18 ins. Well built above ground with logs etc. Track lined with vines. Received message re missing man from 19 Bn. Patrol warned. Sjt Hillier visited post. Sent back mail, Int reports and tracings with him. Checking axe shortage. Password LIVELY.

27 DEC

Maj Doncon, Padre Thomson arrive 1330 hrs. Lawrence and Guthbertson returned - ill. Mail and bootlaces received. Advised Bde. Earth tremors midnight. Some trees fell - no damage. Password LIBEL.

DEC 28

Visited posts with Maj Doncon who was satisfied. Posts received 1200 hrs. Advised Bde re my 3 day patrol 29 Dec - 31 Dec 44 incl. Earth tremors at 1030 hrs. Issued native rations and tobacco. 4 Allied A/C flying NORTH 1030 hrs. Received message re departure Boyd, Lovegrove for school. Watson to relieve. ETA 1400 hrs 29 Dec. Password LEGIBLE.

DEC 29

Maj. Doncon and party left 0630 hrs 29 Dec, escorted by Police Boys. Advised Bde recc patrol 3 days, Ptes Weir, Morgan and 2 Police Boys. Arranged canoe tpt Boyd, Lovegrove to WUNUNG. Pte Taylor reported sick. Watson and party arrived 1315 hrs. Launch with 2 Fd Amb party arrived 1315 hrs. 1530 hrs. Handed over stores.

DIARY PREPARED BY LT A.R.V. WATSON.

29 DEC

Capt Geike, Lt Pembleton and 4 O/Rs from 11 Bn accompanied WO11 Matthews, Sjt Barber and myself to POMIO. Arrived 1315hrs. Visited listening posts, took over all stores, relief completed 1700 hrs. Bde advised. Password LATERAW.

30 DEC.

Et Boyd, ^{WO11} Sjt Matthews, Sjt Lovegrove left by large native canoe owned by Pomio village. Posts received midday. 2 Majors and 2 batmen from 2 Fd Amb arrived 1330 hrs. Many natives passed through camp on way to Sing Sing at Sali. Several trains of native women heavily laden with food from gardens. Saw natives near Pomio making 12 ft headdresses. Visited posts. Posts received midday. Password LEVEL.

31 DEC

Capt Geike and party from 11 Bn, also 2 Fd Amb party left camp 0645 to return to WUNUNG. Police Boys visiting Sing Sing returning morning of Jan2. Very few natives seen. Pte Weir and party returned from recc 1000 hrs. Sjt Ager and party visit Sali and Kamalgaman left 1430 hrs. Heavy rain during afternoon and evening. Password LULLABY.

1945

1 JAN

Lt Pembleton and 4 O/Rs from 11 Bn arrived by own canoe 0900hrs. Reported canoe overturned at start of journey because outrigger was too light. Party returned midday. Many natives passed through post returning from Sing Sing. 3 Beaufort bombers approx 5000 ft flying EAST 1000 hrs. Reappeared flying WEST 1015 hrs. Again at 1025 hrs flying EAST. At 1035 hrs 2 Beauforts flying SOUTH, and 1045 hrs 1 Beaufort flying SOUTH, all about 5000 ft. Posts received midday. Visited posts and saw 14 ft Crocodile in sea off Pomio. Chased crocodile in canoe paddled by 3 natives but lost sight of it in mangroves in inlet beyond Pomio.

2 JAN

Police Boys reported for work. Took 2 Police boys, visited old Police Post on hill 150 ft overlooking Pomio. Good site, nice garden, signs of good house, only tank stand and 500 gal tank remain. Police boys say Japs destroyed house. Recced new track from Old Police Post. Recced three tracks from near North post area. Most used track follows watercourse. Wherever possible it seems that tracks follow dry water courses. Many natives passed through Post travelling south.

2 JAN (Cont)

Visited Sali - met Paramount Luluai - told me he had
Son at school in Australia.
Drinking water for Sali from "Piseemo River". No canoes
at Sali. Fishing party at Pomio caught 30-90 fish. Shared
with Pomio villages and Police Boys.
7 Mitchell bombers 7000 ft flying NORTH, loose formation
at 1030 hrs.
WO1 Garden, WO11 Cahir, Sjt "ampden 16 Bn arrived 1530 hr.
Pte Hayward reeced track to Bolayrum.

3 JAN

Prepared complete list of stores to be taken over by
11 Bn. Post relieved midday. 3 Beaufort bombers 5000 ft
flying NORTH EAST at 1030 hrs. Lt Pembleton 11 Bn rep-
orted in at 1600 hrs. Party apparently very tired after
trek - camped on beach $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Post. Issued instr
for move out on 4 Jan 45.

4 JAN

Reveille 0430, Breakfast 0500 hrs. First 11 Bn reliefs
to man listening posts moved in 0515 hrs.
Sent first party away under Cpls Needle, Frusher and
Gregory at 0615 hrs.
Handing over post completed 0630 hrs.
Large canoe from Pomio took WO1 Garden and party to
WUNUNG 0700 hrs. Arranged with Luluai Pomio to provide
canoe to bring back 16 Bn Brens' in chests with 11 Bn,
escort on 5 Jan 45.
Second party under myself left 0720 hrs.
Arrived 16 Bn 1415 hrs.

A.R.V. Watson

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A.R.V. WATSON

PATROL COMD.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

PATROL No 2.

16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)
AUSTRALIA.

5 JAN '45.

PATROL REPORT

PREPARED BY Lt D.L. HALLS

- 1. OBJECT: Est Track block in vicinity PURPURENA village 969801 and prevent enemy approach from the SOUTH.
- 2. PARTY:
 - Comd: Lt D.L. HALLS.
 - TPS: 9 Pl - A Coy (str 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, 35 ORs including 1 Cook) with under comd:-
 - 1 Det 2 Aust Fd Amb(2 Med orderlies)
 - 1 " 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (2 ORs)
 - 2 ORs 16 Bn Sig Sec
 - 2 " " Int Sec
 - 1 " " S.B.
- 3. DATE & TIME OF START: 0530 hrs 21 Dec 44.
- 4. DATE & TIME OF RETURN: 1100 hrs 4 Jan 45.
- 5. ROUTE: Main track through NEW PUAPAL village.
- 6. WEATHER CONDITIONS: Generally fair.
- 7. REF MAPS: DRINA: 1 in to 1 ml

GENERAL

- 8. BASE: 995815
 - (a) LAYOUT: The Biv area was sited, to give maximum def, on high ground. Latrines & Slit trenches were dug immediately and Pl given general instruction in case of alarm.
 - (b) ALARM: Method of alarm was by means of Vines connected to all sec's posts and Pl HQ. On alarm all secs moved quietly to posts. Several mock alarms were given, both by day & night.
 - (c) LISTENING POSTS:
 - Listening posts were established on main track & manned 24 hrs a day. Perimeter patrol operated at night, patrolling inside the lines and acted as Malaria control picquet in addition.
- 9. PATROLS: Normal strength of patrols, 1 Cpl & 9 ORs, with sec weapons & grenades. These operated on all tracks, one sec going with Int det as protective party each day. Long distance patrols were comd by the Pl comd or Pl Sjt and were carried out once per week in the direction of PURPURENA and KAITON. These patrols, owing to the difficult nature of the country, were of 3 days duration.

9.(Cont)

A patrol twice a week liaised with No1 Patrol and information gathered by each patrol was exchanged.

10. NATIVES: The Lulual of the Native village, PUAPAL, situated approx one & a half mls NE of base, was invaluable to us in assisting in the locating of tracks and water points. These natives are inclined to be lazy, and were prone to beg food etc from us. However, with firm treatment and just payment for any work done, they proved of great assistance. The Tul-Tul was not a good type, but the Lulual was most helpful, and through him we were able to acquire a lot of help from the natives during the last week of the patrol.
11. VILLAGE: PUAPAL village is in a dirty state. It comprises 20 huts all built on the ground, and about as many families. Their hygiene appeared to be fair, depositing their refuse in holes and burying same. Native gardens in abundance and very prolific. Ample water in vicinity of village, but used by the natives for washing etc., and no use was made by this patrol of it. Tps from Base Area trading with natives caused a great deal of trouble through not paying for souvenirs, food etc.
12. RATIONS: These were supplied by Div each Saturday and carried out by 50 natives. The first rations were deficient in several commodities. A report was submitted, and rationing thereafter was satisfactory. The ration scale was adequate for our needs, with quite a good selection of all foods giving a good balanced diet. Pl cooking was done under my supervision, two men from the duty section doing the cooking each day. Dampers were made in the ashes, making a change from Army biscuits
13. MEDICAL & HYGIENE: This was supplied by det of 2 Aust Fd Amb, L/Cpl Stirling & Pte Koskade. They built a fly proof latrine which gave excellent service, and were generally responsible for all camp hygiene and Medical attention. Only one case necessitated evacuation. Several natives were treated for bad sores on their legs. These sores were in a shocking state, and Medical attention to the village is recommended, as contact with these natives cannot be prevented.
14. WATER: The PURPURENA track traverses country extremely short of water. Creeks have stopped running and only water available is in deep holes along creek bed. If no heavy rain occurs, it will be necessary to move site of camp to WUNUNG RIVER, to a point 992823.
15. COMMUNICATIONS - Communication was by W/T with good reception, generally at strength 5.
16. INTELLIGENCE: Two personnel were attached to my patrol and traversed all trails, traces being regularly forwarded to Bn Int Sec.
17. TOPOGRAPHICAL: As contained in track recce reports. Traces & traverses submitted to Bn Int Sec.

D.L. Halls Lt
D.L. HALLS Patrol Comd.

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6 JAN '45

No 2 PATROL - PURPURENA.

PERIOD 21 DEC 44 - 4 JAN '45

(REF MAP) DRINA 1in to 1 Mile

PREPARED BY Lt D.L. HALLS

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1944.

- DEC 21: Left Base camp map ref 210530. Arrived Biv area Map ref 003819.
Sec posts laid out and sited for all round def. Latrines dug, boundaries of camp defined and guards posted.
Tps walked through gardens, natives very annoyed. Interviewed Tul-Tul and explained tps do not understand. Sigs est contact with HQ - str 5.
Water in good quantities, specimen sent in for test. Reported to HQ.
- DEC 22: Patrols arranged, one sec moved out to PUAPAL No1 as protective party for Int pers. Other patrol under my command moved towards PURPURENA, no village located. Further recce necessary.
Marching time to PURPURENA 3½ hrs, only little water on trail. Planes overhead 2000 hrs. Natives frightened. Reported to HQ.
- DEC 23: Ration party from 5 Div arrived 0900 hrs. Seven days supply received, shortage in some commodities. Reported deficiency to Bde.
Patrols active.
Contact made with patrol from No1 post. Several new tracks discovered and traversed by Int pers. Natives troublesome, decided to move camp to new site nearer PURPURENA.
Reported to HQ.
- DEC 24: Moving camp to new site, map ref 995815. Completed 1400 hrs. Maj McPhail and IO arrived 0900 hrs, gave instr for patrol, handling natives etc.
Def post sited, alarm system arranged. Picquets posted. Reported to HQ.
- DEC 25: Xmas Day. Patrols sent on main PURPURENA trail. Complete traverse forwarded to Biv. Traces made and submitted to Int Office.
Track located running EAST & WEST along WUNUNG and crossing the river map ref 992824.
Natives troublesome, camp placed out of bounds to them through the Tul Tul.
Reported to HQ.
- DEC 26: Patrol under Sjt moved out to PURPURENA for three days to recce area and tracks in vicinity. PURPURENA, according to natives, is called TUAPOONA. Other patrol recce WUNUNG RIVER.
A/C heard overhead approx 2000 hrs, natives from village run for cover in Jungle and into our camp.
- DEC 27: Patrols active. Track along WUNUNG fades away on WEST end. EAST end runs PUAPAL villages No1 & 2. Track crosses river at two points, map ref 992824 & 999828, the latter leading to KIKONUMI.
Reported to HQ.

DEC 28

Patrols from PURPURENA returns. Village not PURPURENA but TUAPOONA, PURPURENA not located, appears to be NORTH of TUAPOONA.

Small village found comprising four huts and a couple of families at TUAPOONA. Natives there inclined to be unfriendly. Patrol could not get any infm from them. Reported water very scarce, 2 ml away from village. Int pers traversed trail from Biv to TUAPOONA and trails leading from there.

Mock alarm put on 2200 hrs, all tps manned posts quickly.

DEC 29:

Patrols active on all trails. WUNUNG trails again recce. Adjnt visited area. Capt Johnston from No1 patrol arrives to inspect patrol.

DEC 30:

Rations arrived, checked, no shortage. Patrols active all trails. All patrols reported shortage of water on all trails.

DEC 31:

Recce patrol, with Int pers, moved out via PURPURENA and TUAPOONA to KAITON. All trails to be traversed. Three days duration. Carrying party supplied from PUAPAL village changed over with natives from TUAPOONA. Firing of automatic weapons heard 1945 hrs. Reported to HQ.

1945:

JAN 1:

New Years' Day: Patrols active. Mock alarm, posts manned satisfactory. Tps from Base trading with natives. Tul Tul told not to give them anything without my permission. Reported to HQ.

JAN 2:

Brig. McKENZIE and BM visited camp. Brig pleased with camp area and layout. 11 Bn ^{partly} arrived to recce area. Patrol from KAITON returns., traces made of all tracks for Int sec. Other patrols active on all trails. Est contact with 11 Bn patrol PALA.

JAN 3:

Patrolling all trails. One sec moves down to No1 patrol. Heavy rain 1230 hrs. Reported to HQ.

JAN 4:

11 Bn party arrived 0800 hrs. Stores checked and handed over. Patrol moved back to camp, arrived 1100 hrs.

D. L. Halls Lt
D. L. HALLS PATROL COMD.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

PATROL REPORT

6 JAN '45

No 1 PATROL

PREPARED BY Lt D.A.H. HOWARD.

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. OBJECT: To est road block at TRACK JUNG, map ref 024770 and prevent enemy approach from SOUTH.
2. PARTY:

COMD: Lt D.A.H. HOWARD
TPS: 8 Pl A Coy, str:- 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, 35 O/R with undercomd:
1 det 13th de Sig Sec (2 O/Rs)
1 det 2 Fd Amb (2 med Orderlies)
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Sig Sec.
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Int Sec
1 O/R 16 Bn SB.

TOTAL: 1 Oftr 47 O/Rs.
3. DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE:

21 Dec 44, 0540 hrs.
4. DATE AND TIME OF RETURN:

4 JAN '45, 1430 hrs.
5. ROUTE:

(a) OUT: SWAN BEACH to MALMAL by barge, thence on TRACK map ref 024823 in SOUTHERLY direction for approx distance of 1 1/2 mile. Thence WESTERLY direction to main PUAPAI TRACK, thence due SOUTH to map ref 013763, then along blazed trail to biv area map ref 018762.

(b) RETURN:
Via blazed trail as mentioned above, thence on PUAPAI TRACK to 5 Div Rd.
6. WEATHER CONDITIONS: First ten days of patrol fine weather, remaining four days slight showers. Heavy rains on DAY 15.
7. REF MAPS: DRINA 1 in to 1 mile, JACQUINOT BAY 1 in to 1 mile.

GENERAL

8. BASE:

(a) LAYOUT: Base est at map ref 018762, on EASTERN side of TRACK. Perimeter def est.

(b) ALARM: a 2 man listening post was maintained throughout the hours of darkness. Vines were used to connect Secs and Pl HQ. Sentries were posted N and S of perimeter on TRACK, these sentries were also connected by vines to Pl HQ.

9. PATROLS:

- (a) Daily Standing Patrol at map ref 043763, duration 0600 hrs to 1700 hrs. Str 1 Cpl 10 O/Rs, post dug in and cam.
- (b) Patrol to TATONGPAL, thence to MANGINUNA, map ref 093794, str 1 Cpl 10 O/Rs, duration 7 hrs.
- (c) Patrol to KAITON 1, thence to KAITON HAMLET, map ref 968737, str 1 Cpl 10 O/Rs, duration 4 hrs.
- (d) Patrol to LOMA LOMA map ref 951700, str 5 O/Rs including 2 Int personnel. Duration 2 days.
- (e) Patrol to TUAPOONA map ref 970780. Str 1 Cpl 10 O/Rs, duration 6 hrs.

10. NATIVES:

- (a) TUL TUL: Located at KAITON HAMLET, responsible for LOMA LOMA, TATONGPAL, TUL TUL very helpful and willing to co-operate. Would always supply guides to locate TRACKS, also made canoes available at any time.
- (b) LULULAI: at TATONGPAL gave same assistance as TUL TUL.
- (c) ASSISTANCE GENERALLY: Guides supplied, canoes and natives made available when necessary.
- (d) NATIVES GENERALLY: Helpful and friendly, but would not volunteer local infm. Passing police boys most helpful and willing to impart all infm. Natives understand and know all names of Australian weapons.
- (e) MEDICAL: All villages visited by this patrol need medical attention badly, main afflictions skin complaints, ulcers, and a type of Tinea in a more severe form.
- (f) Single native hut on island, map ref 037755, occupants 1 male, 1 female, 1 child. Evidence gleaned from natives indicate that the male is possibly leper, he has one leg and no hands, native would not permit tps on the island. Food is supplied from TATONGPAL and rowed over to island by native child.

11. VILLAGES:

TATONGPAL: 21 huts (six deserted) estimated number 70 people.

KAITON 1: 1 hut (deserted) village burnt by Japs.

KAITON HAMLET:

14 huts estimated number 40 people.

LOMA LOMA: 9 huts estimated number 30 people.

TUAPOONA: 3 huts (deserted) Occupied TUAPOONA not found by this patrol.

HYGIENE: Poor - NO effort to clean up refuse, live-stock bed down in huts, could not discover any latrine arrangements in any villages.

GENERAL CLEANLINESS:

TATONGPAL cleanest village of above mentioned.

12. RATIONS:

Once camp and kitchen est, rations adequate. Supply of army biscuits could be reduced. This post is supplied by barge, suggest that two day supply of bread be supplied with routine supplies when barge makes fortnightly trip.

OTS:

It was noted on this patrol that heels of boots easily become dislodged, nails in heels need to be longer to counteract this trouble.

14. HYGIENE AND MEDICAL: Flyproof latrine was made, also boiling water was available for washing of dixies at each meal. All tins and refuse were burnt before depositing in trench. This trench was later made into a drainage pit for water. NO illness occurred at this ^{post} through bad hygiene, throughout duration of patrol. Scratches and cuts were the only complaints that medical personnel had to deal with.
15. TREATMENT OF NATIVES: Sticking plaster and bandages were used on males with bad ulcers, this treatment took place at LOMA LOMA village, when patrolling in vicinity.
16. WATER: Camp site is supplied with water from NGELE NGELE River. This is a permanent water supply and tested at one cup water. water is plentiful all along coastal strip.
17. COMMUNICATIONS: First week of patrol, comm was bad. This was rectified by a visit by Lt Mann from 13 Bde who replaced two defective valves. For the remainder of the patrol reception averaged str 4.
18. INTELLIGENCE: As contained in TRACK RECCO reports, TRACES, and TRAVERSES submitted to Bn Int Sec.
19. TOPOGRAPHICAL: Mentioned as in para 18.

Howard Lt
D.A. HOWARD PATROL COMD.

ATTACHED

Diary of Daily Events.

No 1 PATROLPERIOD 27 DEC 44 - 4 JAN '45PREPARED BY Lt D.A. HOWARD16 AUST INF BN (AIF)1944.WEDNESDAY 27 DEC

1. Capt Johnston, Lt Ball and 4 O/Rs left Biv area to return to camp with Int infm. Party left at 0700 hrs.
2. 0720 hrs. Maj Finlay, Capt Fletcher, Lt Martin and 3 O/Rs arrived at Biv Area. B.M. inspected Barge landing point and patrol site, both satisfactory. Departed for return to camp at 1040 hrs.
3. 0730 hrs. Patrol 1 sec str left for TATONGPAL.
4. 0730 hrs. Patrol 1 sec str left for KAITON HAMLET.
5. 1450 hrs. KAITON patrol returned to Biv area. Pro patrol situated at Map ref 000750, str 1 Offr 20 O/Rs/ Time 26 min from biv area to Pro, from this point to KAITON 4 further 6 mins. Thence in WESTERLY direction along coast to a point opposite KAITON HAMLET. Total time from biv area to beach, map ref 984740, 56 mins. Tul-Tul informed tps that NO white tps had been along DRINA TRACK.
6. 1500 hrs. TATONGPAL patrol returned to biv area. From S.P. map ref 025762, to new Airdrome approx map ref 085792, marching time 1 hr 52 mins. Time from S.P. to TATONGPAL 15 mins. A jeep with 2 engrs seen 500 yds NORTH of TATONGPAL.

THURSDAY 28 DEC

1. 0020 hrs. Severe earth tremor experienced, duration 30 secs
2. 0600 hrs. Standing patrol in posn, map ref 000750.
3. 0816 hrs. Message to Bde permanent standing patrol in posn at map ref 000750.
4. 1006 hrs. Mild earth tremor experienced, duration 20 secs.
5. 1037 hrs. Flight of planes going in NORTHLY direction, three planes seen through trees, NOT identified.
6. 1300 hrs. Report from Standing patrol. Party of 20 natives proceeding to TOTANGPAL passed through post 0720 hrs. Natives were from KAITON HAMLET. At 0745 hrs 1 native from FUAPAL passed through post going to KAITON. Patrol reported planes as reported in para 5 as 4 Mitchells bombers proceeding NORTH. This flight returned at approx 1215hrs.
7. 1600 hrs. Party of 20 natives returned from TATONGPAL to KAITON.
8. 1630 hrs. TATONGPAL patrol returned to biv area. Their task was to est:-
 - (a) if TRACK was in existance at Map Ref 060759
 - (b) If TRACK existed going NW from map ref 082771.
 Neither of these TRACKS exist, this is verified by Int personnel with patrol.
9. Jap camp located, 6 huts - 3 standing, at map ref 054752. Nothing of importance was found on this site.

FRIDAY 29 DEC.

1. 0600 hrs. Standing Patrol in posn.
2. 0730 hrs. Capt Johnston and 3 O/Rs left biv area to contact post 2 at PURPURENA.

FRIDAY 29 (Cont)

3. 0800 hrs. TATONGPAL patrol left biv area
4. 0800 hrs. A two day patrol left biv area, str 5 O/Rs, patrol comd by Pte Butt Int sec. Route through KAITON, DRINA AREA, destination LOMA LOMA.
5. 0840 hrs. Message from Bn to send Cpl Hilder back to camp.
6. 0855. Sent 2 men to contact Cpl Hilder who was in Comd of TATONGPAL patrol.
7. 0915 hrs. Lt Mamm and 3 O/Rs reported in to check wireless equipment.
8. 1025 hrs. 2 natives passed through biv area, one Police boy and carrier. Police boy had standard equipment, rifle, bayonet etc.
9. Cpl Hilder left biv area to report to camp.
10. 1210 hrs. Report from Standing patrol, 3 natives from KAITON passed through post at 0809 hrs. Pte Butt and party passed through post at 0904 hrs. Police boy and carrier passed through post at 0935 hrs proceeding to MALMAL, they had been on track for 3 days.
11. 1215 hrs. Lt Mamm and party left biv area to return to 13 Bde.
12. 1435 hrs. TATONGPAL patrol returned to biv area. This patrol went to a point 1 mile NORTH of TATONGPAL, on return journey examined Jap camp site at map ref 036761. Nothing of importance was found.
13. 1600 hrs Capt Johnston returned to biv area.

SATURDAY 30 DEC.

- 1/ 0600 hrs. Standing patrol mounted in new posn, map ref 013763.
2. 0930 hrs. Party of 20 natives from KAITON passed through post and moved approx 300 yds NORTH of post, where they started trading with natives from PUAPAL.
3. 1000 hrs. The above mentioned natives passed through post for return to KAITON.
4. 0715 hrs. Cpl Bettaney and 2 O/Rs left to return to 16 Bn for mail.
5. 0800 hrs. Lt Howard and 10 O/Rs left biv area to try and est if there is a TRACK from KAITON to TUAP-OCNA, thence PURPURENA.
6. 1500 hrs. Pte BUTT and party returned to biv area from 2 day recce. This patrol reached LOMA LOMA. Track good & natives friendly. These natives badly need medical attention. The natives name for there village is LUM LUM.
7. 1530 hrs. Lt Howard and party returned to biv area. By questioning TUL TUL at KAITON est that there is a track from KAITON to TUAPOONA. Recce this TRACK for approx 2 mile. Will send patrol to TUAPOONA Tuesday.
8. 1700 hrs Standing patrol reports NO movement through post since 0930 hrs.
9. 1700 hrs. Cpl Bettaney returned to biv area.

SUNDAY 31 DEC.

1. 0600 hrs. Standing patrol mounted.
2. 0930 hrs. 3 natives passed through post going to KAITON.
3. 1310 hrs. Sgt Howe and 2 O/Rs returned to 16 Bn, Sgt Howe requiring medical attention.
4. 1600 hrs. Contacted patrol from post 2, at KAITON 1. This patrol camped here the night 31/1 Jan.
5. 1700 hrs. Standing patrol reported NO movement on TRACK since 0930 hrs.

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MONDAY 1 JAN

1. 0600 hrs. Standing patrol mounted.
2. 0730 hrs. Patrol left to go to LOMA LOMA under comd Lt Howard.

MONDAY 1 JAN(Cont)

- 3. 0905 hrs. One native passed through Standing patrol going to PUAPAL
- 4. 1530 hrs. LOMA LOMA patrol returned to biv area. TRACK good, passable by jeep if bridges repaired.
- 5. 1700 hrs. Standing patrol returned to biv area. No further mvt through post.

TUESDAY 2 JAN

- 1. 0600 hrs. Standing patrol mounted.
- 2. 0700 hrs. Capt Johnston and Pte Smith returned to 16 Bn to remain.
- 3. 0730 hrs. Patrol left to recce route to TUAPOONA.
- 4. 0930 hrs. Recce party 11 Bn arrived.
- 5. 0950 hrs. Flight of Mitchell bombers, 6 in number, passed over biv area flying NORTHWARD.
- 6. 1045 hrs. Recce party 11 Bn left biv area. Str of party 2 Offr & 0/Rs. All infm concerning patrol was passed on to Lt Donaldson.
- 7. 1100 hrs. Patrol from post 2 reported in to biv area. Str 4 0/Rs comd by Pte Bilney.
- 8. 1350 hrs. Patrol from post 2 left biv area.
- 9. 1510 hrs. Patrol from TUAPOONA reported back to biv area. Track hard and uphill all the way. Village unoccupied, remains of 4 huts seen. This is know a trading point for natives; water point in sand stone pit, 24 mins marching from KAITON 1, this is a permanent water point. 48 mins from KAITON 1 old 'ap camp on left of TRACK. Camp searched but nothing located.
- 10. 1530 hrs. A party of 14 natives passed through Standing Patrol going to KAITON. This party had been to Xmas festival given by ANGAU.
- 11. 1700 hrs. Standing patrol returned to camp.

WEDNESDAY 3 JAN

- 1. 0600 hrs. Standing patrol mounted.
- 2. 0800 hrs. Patrol left for TATONGPAL comd by Lt Howard.
- 3. 0900 hrs. Lt Halls and 3 0/Rs reported into biv area.
- 4. 1015 hrs. Party of 7 natives passed through Standing patrol going to KAITON.
- 5. 1500 hrs. Patrol from TATONGPAL returned infm gleaned from natives, state that small island map ref 038756 is inhabited. There is one hut on the Island inhabited by one male, 1 child, 1 female. It appears as if he has been isolated from village. Possibly might be Leper. He has one leg and NO hands. The native child brings food over from village by canoe.

THURSDAY 4 JAN

- 1. 0600 hrs Standing patrol mounted.
- 2. 0800 hrs. Inspection of biv area completed, post left in first class order.
- 3. 0830 hrs. Moved all patrol up to posn where Standing patrol was mounted.
- 4. ~~0830 hrs~~ 1000 hrs. Relieving patrol from 11 Bn arrived.
- 5. 1100 hrs. Handing over stores completed.
- 6. 1145 hrs. 16 Bn patrol left for 16 Bn.
- 7. 1430 hrs. Arrived at WUNUNG RIVER.
- 8. 1435 hrs. Lt Howard reported to B.M. that patrol had been relieved.
- 9. 1440. Lt Howard reported in to Capt Fletcher.

NOTE: Lt Howard took over comd of patrol from Lt Ball on Wednesday, 26 Dec 44. Diary starts from this date.

D. Howard Lt
 D.A. HOWARD PATROL COMD

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

22 JAN '45

PATROL REPORT

PREPARED BY LT G.C. LONGSON

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. OBJECT: (a) To est patrol and track block in vicinity track junc sq 9783 and prevent enemy approach from WEST.
(b) Patrol daily tracks in vicinity of post.
2. PARTY: Comd: Lt G.C. LONGSON
Tps: 10 Pl B Coy (str 1, 1 Sjt, 3 Gpls, 35 ORs including one cook)
With under Comd:
1 det 2 Aust Pd Amb (2 Med Orderlies)
1 OR 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) SB.
3. DATE AND TIME OF DEPARTURE: 4 Jan 45 0730 hrs
4. DATE AND TIME OF RETURN: 21 Jan 45 1100 hrs
5. ROUTE: Main PALA track.
6. WEATHER CONDITIONS: Heavy rain on 4th, 5th, 13th, 16th, 18th, and 20th otherwise fine.
7. REF MAPS: DRINA 1 in - 1 ml.
16 Bn I Sec 4 in - 1 ml.
8. GENERAL: (a) BASE:

Layout: Base site was taken over from 11 Bn patrol at map ref 977844 on SOUTH side of track. perimeter def was est and wpn pits dug.

SECURITY MEASURES: A security picquet of 2 men - one at each approach to Base camp - was on duty throughout the hours of daylight, and at night closed in to form a two man picquet astride track.

In addition an inlying picquet of two men were on duty within the perimeter 24 hrs daily.

An alarm system made of vines was installed and tested periodically.

HYGIENE Latrine installed by previous patrol was used and proved quite sanitary and reasonably fly proof. All tins were banded & buried. One man was employed on hygiene duties daily.

WATER: Supplies of water are dependant on rainfall catchment being Clay holes in vicinity of camp. Generally water was 4-6 cups but after long periods without rain registered as high as 10 cups water.

(b) PATROLS:

Normal str 1 cpl & 8 ORs with sec wpons. Patrol operated on tcks marked in red on map attached. One patrol of 2 days (PALA-KIAMATAN-MALAKUA-WUNUNG-Base Camp) was undertaken. This patrol consisted of myself as comd

(b) cont.

and 5 ORs.

§ A native at TALANG

Garden who had journeyed by foot to RABUAL 2 yrs ago, furnished me with names of native villages, plantations etc, en route. (see Appx B) These were checked with another native at MALAKUA who verified the TALANG natives infm.

A Sing-Sing was held at PALA on 18 Jan and natives came from near & far.

(c) NATIVES:

The TUL-TUL of the native village of PALA (approx map ref 964857) was of great assistance to us, and provided native guides to accompany us on most of our patrols. He volunteered information about 2 Allied Airman, shot down by JAPS who were cared for by him, walked via bush to SALI, and made escape by submarine from that vicinity. §

(d) VILLAGES:

PALA: 11 huts in village total population approx 50 persons.

KIAMATAN 4 huts deserted.

TALANG: 4 huts deserted but temporarily occupied from time to time by gardeners and families.

KALLANGPERRIN: 6 huts deserted.

(e) NATIVE GARDENS:

1. Large garden at TALANG, serves populace of PUAPAL
2. Two gardens at PALA.
3. Large garden at KIAMATAN serves populace of PALA
4. Small garden at KALLANGPERRIN serves populace of PALA.

All gardens consist mainly of TARO with small supplies of bananas and flavouring plants, but virtually NO paw-paw.

(f) RATIONS.

These were supplied by 16 Bn and were of good quality and quantity. Cooking was done by cook who was included in party. Party carried rations for one day plus emergency ration. No emergency rations were broken.

(g) MEDICAL.

This was the duty of 2 med orderlies from 2 Fd Amb. Epl McMAHAN and Pte BEGG. They made fly traps and generally helped with the hygiene arrangements. They also accompanied patrol as did the SB from 16 Bn.

Two cases required evacuation by stretcher. This was done with native boys. PALA village, who did a very excellent job.

(h) WATER: The KIAMATAN track is extremely short of water, all creeks being dry and reliance is placed on one clay hole approx 200 yds NORTH of KIAMATAN garden.

(i) COMMUNICATIONS: by L/T with good reception.

(j) TOPOGRAPHICAL: - Reports submitted by previous patrols. No additional topographical inf was gained except the 2 day patrol to MALAKUA on which pers from 16 Bn I sec accompanied the patrol. Reports have been submitted *through* these channels.

APPENDIX 'B' TO PATROL REPORT.

Listed below are the names of Villages, plantations, Missions etc, given to me in conversation by a native from TALANG Garden named 'SISISSU'. This native made the journey to RABUAL on foot approx 2 yrs ago. The infm contained below was corroborated by a native at MALAKUA (name unknown) who had also made the journey by launch or ship.

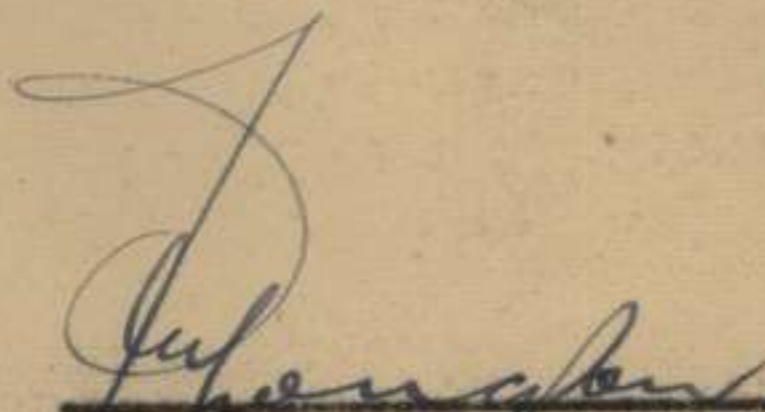
Villages named below are presumed to run consecutively SOUTH to NORTH.

Spelling of place names is purely phonetic.

PLACE NAME	SIGNIFICANCE	GENERAL LOCATION.	NATIVE OFFICIALS
PALA	Village 11 huts	In hills	} LULUAI TUL-TUL
KIAMATAN	" 5 "	"	
E-SANAPUNA	"	"	} TUL-TUL
SIGLILLIAN	"	"	
LA-WUS-A-PUNA	"	"	
NAR P-A-PUNA	"	"	
MALAKUA	"	On Coast	} TUL-TUL LULUAI
PURENA	"	"	
KEL KERRIN	"	"	} TUL-TUL
BAIEN	"	"	
MUNTAN	"	In hills	LULUAI & TUL-TUL
OR-LAE-PUNA	"	"	" "
POMIO	"	On coast	" "
SA-LE	"	"	LULUAI (Native reports this man to be head of all LULUAI'S)
GOL-GOL-PUNE	ANGAU CAMP	"	-
BA-BA-LI-PUNA	Village	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL
CUTARF	Plantation	"	-
TORKIE	Village	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL
KORLIE	Plantation	"	-
MATONG	Village	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL
MANKUNA	Plantation	"	-
NARO	"	"	-
PUL-PUL	Village	"	LULUAI
POMAN	"	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL
LIA-KA-TOKIA	"	"	LULUAI
GUMA	Mission	"	-
BAIEN	Village	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL
KEEP	Plantation	"	-
KAREL I	" & Mission	"	-
DE-REEL	Village	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL
TORL	Plantation	"	-
SUM - SUM	"	"	-
BARONGY	"	"	-
PUT-PUT	"	"	-
MAL-PEE	Village	"	LULUAI & TUL TUL and DOCTOR BAY.
KUM-BUNGA	Plantation	"	-
MALEPO	"	"	-
LA-LE-LU	"	"	-
U-LA-VU	"	"	-
(?) Unknown	"	"	-
RA-PO-PO	"	"	-
TOKAMBA	"	"	-
WACKO	Mission	"	-

APPENDIX 'B' CONT.

PLACE NAME	SIGNIFICANCE	GENERAL LOCATION	NATIVE OFFICIALS.
TAMBOO	Plantation	On coast	-
KOKOPO	"	"	-
KUNATABO	"	"	-
MALE PO	"	"	-
GRUNDRY	"	"	-
KARABIA	"	"	-
RABUAL	-	-	-


 Lt
 G.C. LONGSON Patrol Comd.

DIARY

22 JAN '45

PERIOD - 4 JAN '45 - 21 JAN '45

PREPARED BY LT G.C. LONGSON

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1945:

THURSDAY 4 JAN:

0730hrs- Party left for Patrol Base.
0945 - Arrived Patrol Base.
1000 - Took over from outgoing patrol, Bde advised.
11 Bn party left for 11 Bn.
1200 - Advised Bde situation normal
1205 - Commenced raining
1210 - Runner reported from Bde with password.
1300 - Erected cookhouse.
1400 - Perimeter def sited and digging commenced.
1530 - Linesman from Bde Sigs arrived to maintenance phone.
1550 - Linesman left.
1600 - Situation normal
2000 - Situation normal
2300 - ceased raining

FRIDAY 5 JAN:

0600 hrs Native guides reported for day's patrol
0630 Tul-Tul from PALA arrived.
0700 - WUNUNG patrol via PALA departed. KALLANG-PERRIN circuit patrol departed. Runners left for Bde.
0800 - Situation normal
0900 - Lulual from PALA arrived.
1000 - Unidentified plane heard travelling EAST and flying above clouds. Bde advised.
1200 - Situation normal
1230 - Runners returned with password.
1400 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned - nothing to report. situation normal
1800 - CO & Adjutant rang, discussed shifting position of base but dismissed the idea as wpm pits are well over half finished. Commenced raining.
2000- Situation Normal
2200 - Ceased raining

SATURDAY 6 JAN:

0600 - Lulual PALA and native boy reported.
0700 - Patrol left for WUNUNG via PUAPAL tracks.
0730 - Runner left for Bde.
0800 - Situation normal
0815 - CQMS B Coy 16 Bn & party arrived with mail & bread.
0930 - Party left for camp
1000 - Maj CORBETT and party from Wkshops passed thru' on training.
1030 - Capt Shanks, Lt Backhouse from 11 Bn passed through on recce.
1200 - Situation normal
1430 - Patrol from WUNUNG returned, situation normal
1500 - Runner returned from Bde.
1530 - Inspected digging - progressinh favourably, should be finished by this time tomorrow.
1600 - Situation normal
2000 - " "

SUNDAY 7 JAN

0600 - Native guide reported for KIAMATAN patrol.
0700 - Patrol left for KIAMATAN, myslef OC.

SUNDAY 7 JAN (CONT)

- 0800 - situation normal
- 0830 - Runners left for Bde.
- 0905 - Pack Train arrived with rations
- 0950 - " " left for camp
- 1200 - situation normal
- 1415 - Runners returned from Bde.
- 1500 - KIAMATAN patrol returned, situation normal
- 1530 - Inspected digging- not yet completed, struck coral rock.
- 1600 - situation normal
- 2000 - situation normal

MONDAY 8 JAN:

- 0600 - 2 native guides reported.
- 0700 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol left
- 0750 - Douglas tpt flying WEST, medium hight, turned and flew EAST.
- 0800 - situation normal.
- 0900 - Party of Officers and NCOs passed through from 28 Bn.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1245 - Recce patrol left for TALANG.
- 1400 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned. situation normal
- 1430 - TALANG patrol returned situation normal
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

TUESDAY 9 JAN:

- 0600 - Native guides reported.
- 0630 - Tul - Tul reported.
- 0700 - WUNUNG patrol via PALA left.
- 0705 - WUNUNG patrol via PUAPAL tracks left.
- 0710 - Sigs rag to say CO & Adjt were on way out.
- 0730 - Douglas Tpt flying due EAST medium height.
- 0745 - Runners left for Bde.
- 0820 - CO & Adjt arrived.
- 0900 - CO & Adjt reported via TALANG.
- 0930 - Lt FAULKS 16 Bn & party arrived on Recce.
- 1145 - " " " left for camp.
- 1157 - WUNUNG patrol via PUAPAL tracks reported situation normal.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1400 - WUNUNG patrol via PALA reported situation normal
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 1630 - Inspected digging after having spoil removed -OK
- 2000 - Situation normal

WEDNESDAY 10 JAN

- 0600 - Native guides reported.
- 0700 - Patrols left for KIAMATAN and KALLANGPERRIN
- 0715 - Party arrived with bread & fresh meat.
- 0800 - Capt Murdoch & CSM Forbes arrived.
situation normal
- 1115 - Capt Murdoch & party left for camp
- 1200 - situation normal
- 1415 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned - situation normal
- 1500 - KIAMATAN patrol returned - situation normal
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

THURSDAY 11 JAN

- 0700 - Patrol for WUNUNG via PALA departed.
- 0715 - KIAMATAN patrol departed.
- 0745 - Myself and one OR left for Bn. Sjt Hill complained of headache.
- 0800 - situation normal
- 0850 - Pack train arrived.
- 0935 - Pack train departed.
- 1200 - situation normal
- 1330 - WUNUNG patrol returned situation normal.

THURSDAY 11 JAN (CONT)

- 1425 - I rang from Bn.
- 1430 - KIAMATAN patrol returned situation normal
- 1600 - I arrived back from Bn - situation normal
- 1645 - Sjt Hill's temp 103, Pte Smith S.L. reported he had been passing blood in water. Rang MO 16 Bn, he advised evacuating by stretcher. Sent to PALA for native bearers.
- 1837 - Patients left for 2 Fd Amb
- 2000 - situation normal advised Bde of casualties.
- 2100 - Duty Offr Bde rang to say patients passed through on way to 2 Fd Amb
- 2245 - Party accompanying patients returned with two natives. Provided hot tea.

FRIDAY 12 JAN.

- 0700 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol departed.
- 0715 - Natives reported for pyment on previous nights work.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 0805 - Party arrived form Bn with meat & bread.
- 0830 - Party departed - took Sjt Hill's gear & Pte Smith's gear.
- 1030 - ADMS - CO 2 Fd Amb and MO 16 Bn arrived to inspect area. seemed very satisfied.
- 1055 - Medical party left.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1245 - Patrol returned
- 1430 - Found another water hole.
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

SATURDAY 13 JAN:

- 0700 - WUNUNG patrol departed via PALA
- 0705 - WUNUNG patrol departed via PUAPAL tracks. I accompanied.
- 0715 - Party arrived from Bn carrying bread meat & mail.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 0830 - Ration party left for Bn.
- 0930 - NCO & 3 men 28 Bn I Sec passed through.
- 1000 - Commenced raining.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1230 - WUNUNG via PUAPAL tracks patrol returned.
- 1240 - WUNUNG via PALA patrol returned.
- 1600 - situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

SUNDAY 14 JAN

- 0700 - KIAMATAN patrol left.
- 0715 - Runners departed.
- 0730 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol departed.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 1045 - Lts McAlf & Naughton passed through.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1415 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned situation normal
- 1500 - KIAMATAN patrol returned.
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

MONDAY 15 JAN:

- 0600 - Fwd listening post est 800 yds WEST of Patrol base. MO expected to give Cholera needles therefore want to have all ranks on hand.
- 0800 - situation normal
- 0810 - Runners departed.
- 0815 - Ration party arrived from Bn.
- 0900 - Ration party arrived from left for camp
- 0915 - Capt Murdoch, Capt Docwra passed through.
- 1115 - MO and party arrived.
- 1200 - situation normal
- 1300 - MO and party left.
- 1530 - Fwd listening post withdrawn.
- 1600 - situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

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TUESDAY 16 JAN

- 0523 - Runners left for Camp
- 0630 - Lt Flint rang re proposed patrol to POMIO
- 0640 - Capt Fletcher 16 Bn rang to say relief would be effected on 21 Jan.
- 0700 - Patrol left for WUNUNG via PALA.
- 0715 - BM rang vetoed POMIO patrol approved of 2 day patrol to MALAKUA.
- 0800 - Situation normal
I left with WUNUNG via PUAPAL patrol
- 0840 - Ration party of two men arrived with meat (20 lbs)
- 0915 - Cpl Clark & party 16 Bn I Sec passed through
- 1015 - Ration party left for camp.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1215 - Patrol returned from WUNUNG via PUAPAL situation normal.
- 1430 - Patrol returned from WUNUNG via PALA.
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal

WEDNESDAY 17 JAN:

- 0700 - Patrols WUNUNG via PALA and KALLANGPERRIN departed.
- 0705 - MALAKUA patrol under command Lt LONGSON depart Runners left for Bde.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 1600 - WUNUNG patrol returned situation normal
- 1130 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned situation normal
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1320 - Runners returned
Rain commenced.
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 1700 - Rain ceased.
- 2000 - Situation normal

THURSDAY 18 JAN

- 0700 - Runners left Patrols left for WUNUNG and KALLANGPERRIN.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 0855 - Douglas tpt flying high direction due WEST.
- 0945 - Party arrived with meat and bread.
- 1000 - MALAKUA patrol returned situation normal
- 1037 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned normal situation
- 1100 - Maj Howard 16 Bn passed through.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1245 - Sing Sing at PALA village.
- 1330 - LO 4 Bde arrived on Recce.
- 1430 - Maj Howard & party left for camp
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 1900 - Rain commenced.
- 2000 - Situation normal

FRIDAY 19 JAN

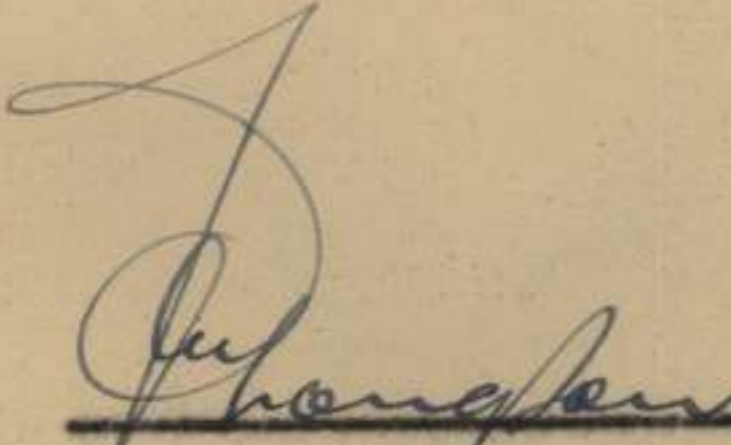
- 0500 - Rain ceased.
- 0700 - Patrols left for KALLANGPERRIN and KIAMATAN Runners left for Bde.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 0845 - Ration train arrived.
- 0930 - Ration train left.
- 0940 - Lt Gauld OC 11 Bn relieving patrol arrived to liaise re relief.
- 1100 - 1 NGO & 23 OR 22 Bn I Sec arrived.
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1215 - Lt Gauld left for camp
- 1330 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned situation normal
- 1400 - KIAMATAN patrol returned situation normal
- 1445 - 1 NGO & 1 OR 29/46 Bn arrived.
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal
- 2032 - Earth Tremor duration 2 secs.

SATURDAY 20 JAN

- 0700 - Patrols left for WUNUNG via PALA and KALLANGPERRIN
- 0710 - Douglas tpt above cloud flying WEST.
- 0730 - 4 Bde I sec left on Recces.
- 0743 - Unidentified plane flying high NE. Bde advised.
- 0800 - Situation normal
- 1200 - Situation normal
- 1400 - WUNUNG patrol returned.
- 1430 - KALLANGPERRIN patrol returned.
- 1530 - Heavy rain.
- 1600 - Situation normal
- 2000 - Situation normal
- 2400 - Rain ceased.

SUNDAY 21 JAN

- 0800 - Situation normal
4 Bde I sec left for 4 Bde.
- 0830 - Pl moved from patrol base to concentration area.
- 0900 - 11 Bn relieving patrol marched in.
- 0910 - Inventory checked and signed By OC
- 0915 - Party left for camp.
- 1100 - Arrived 16 Bn.



G.C. LONGSON Lt
Patrol Comd.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

19 Feb 45.

PATROL REPORT

PREPARED BY LT L.N. FERGUSON

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. OBJECT: (a) To est post vicinity track junc 072937 & set in conjunction with ANGAU to prevent enemy approach from NORTH over mountains & by controlling all tracks vicinity of POMIO 080932.
(b) Patrol tracks in vicinity of posts.
2. PARTY: Comd: Lt L.N. Ferguson.
Tps: 13 Pl C Coy (str 1 Oftr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, 35 ORs incl 1 cook)
with under comd:-
1 Det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (10R)
1 Lt sec 2 Aust Fd Amb (10 Oftr & 11 ORs)
2 ORs 16 Bn Sig Pl.
1 OR 16 Bn Int sec
1 OR 16 Bn SB
6 Native Police Boys.
3. DATE & TIME OF DEPARTURE: 3 Feb 45 0430 hrs
4. DATE & TIME OF RETURN: 18 Feb 45 1330 hrs
5. ROUTE: Main RABUAL track.
6. WEATHER CONDITIONS: Heavy rain 6 Feb, light rain 16 Feb, otherwise fine.
7. REF MAPS: DRINA 1" - 1 ml; MANANG 1"-1 ml;
JAGQUINOT BAY 1" - 1 ml.; ESIS RIVER 1"-1ml
and 16 Bn Int sec 4" - 1 ml.
8. GENERAL: (a) BASE:
Layout: Base site was taken over from 28 Bn patrol at map ref 072939. Perimeter def was already est & weapon pits dug.
security measures: a picquet of 1 man at approach to camp was on duty throughout the hours of daylight, & at night a two man picquet within the perimeter was maintained. An alarm system of vines was installed & tested periodically.
Hygiene: Latrine installed by previous patrol was used & proved quite sanitary & fly proof. Another was dug by own patrol. All tins were burned & buried in refuse pit, which were dug periodically. 1 Man was supervising Hygiene permanently.
Water: Supplies of water for base were adequate from the MATALE RIVER & was sterilized to the ratio of 4-6 cups. Water at No1 post was drawn from QUOG RIVER and No2 from a soak. Both sterilizing to the ratio of 4-6 cup.
- (b) PATROLS
Normal str 1 cpl & 7 ORs with sec weapons. Patrols operated on track marked in colour on attached map. One patrol was undertaken by myself & 4 ORs to MAGONA-BANUA-BAUT U-RUL-UNG within a period of 2 days.

(c) Natives: The Lulusis of the Native villages neighbouring the 5 posts were extremely helpful & honest. The Tul-Tul of SALI volunteered information about the Japs who had been in occupation of a house in that village, & how they were located & bombed out. Evidence of such was seen.

(d) Villages:

MAGONA: Very friendly-population approx 30-40.

BANUA: Occupants generally lazy & not very helpful.

BAUFU: Deserted. Only 2 or 3 huts give evidence of village.

RILUNG: Occupants very helpful.

BOLAIPUN: Deserted.

SALI: Healthiest village in area. Paramount Lulual of district resides here.

(e) NATIVE GARDENS:

MAGONA: Dependent on POMIO Village.

BANUA: Has for food several large gardens

BAUFU: Old garden with plenty of bananas.

RILUNG: Two flourishing gardens.

BOLAIPUN: Two old gardens.

SALI: Several large gardens.

(f) RATIONS: These were supplied by Div. supplied every 14 days. Some tins were blown & destroyed. Native rations were separate & were broken up & distributed on Thursday of each week. Party carried rations (unexpired portion) for one day. FOR O2 were opened for purpose of determining conditions of contents. All open had tinned ration blown.

(g) MEDICAL: Medical treatment was done by Med Ord at each post. At Base inoculations were administered by the MO to natives at the request of ANGAU. Two cases required evacuation. This was done by barge in both cases to 6 Aust Inf Bde.


(h) WATER: No2 post (as shown on sketch) was short of water having two soaks dry out one dried just before being relieved. This was located some 700 yards from this post.

COMMUNICATIONS

(1) By D5 to posts. Base by W/T with good reception.

TOPOGRAPHICAL

(j) Reports submitted by previous patrols. No additional topographical infm was gained. Reports have been submitted through these channels.

 Lt

R.N. FERGUSON Patrol/Comd.

DIARY

Period - 4 Feb 45 - 18 Feb 45

19 Feb 45.

Prepared by Lt. J.N. FERGUSON - - 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

- 1945:
- 040600 : Own patrol left base to take over posts 1 and 2.
 - 041200 : Took over patrol base from Lt McIVOR - complete in every detail. Sent sig message to Bde and Bn informing them of new Command.
 - 041750 : Stand to. Nos 1 and 2 Posts rang through to base for that purpose - Atebrin.
 - 041900 : Stand down and all clear registered from Posts.
 - 041900 : Night sentries posted.
 - 050445 : Stand to by all Posts.
 - 050540 : Stand down - all clear and day sentry posted.
 - 050700 : Sitrep sitner. Message Bde and Bn.
 - 050800 : Rifle and all arms inspection.
 - 050830 : Organised work for base personnel - revetting slit trenches sending tent areas - wood party and cookhouse fatigue.
 - 051000 : Inspection of Posts by CO with Police boy guide.
 - 051600 : Inspection completed.
 - 051400 : Major HOWARD and party (2) arrive at post (Base).
 - 051750 : Stand to - all posts - Password phoned then.
 - 051900 : Stand down - all posts - all clear. Atebrin - night sentries posted.
 - 060445 : Stand to - all posts.
 - 060540 : Stand down - all clear all posts and day sentry mounts. - Sitrep sitner to Bde and Bn. Section relief.
 - 060800 : All arms inspection correct.
 - 060830 : Details of work.
 - 060905 : Major HOWARD and party return to camp.
 - 061750 : Stand to all posts and Password relayed. Atebrin.
 - 061900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts. Night sentries posted.
 - 070445 : Stand to - all posts - section relief leave.
 - 070540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - sitrep sitner to Bde and Bn - day sentry posted.
 - 070800 : All arms inspected - correct.
 - 070830 : Details of work.
 - 071430 : Arrival of CO, Adjt and batman and IO.
 - 071445 : Sent message Bde re arrival of party - also message to Lt McIVOR re list of requirements for posts - message to RSM of arm status at base.
 - 071750 : Stand to all posts - Atebrin. Password.
 - 071900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts. Night sentries posted.
 - 080445 : Stand to all posts.
 - 080540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts. Sitrep sitner to Bde and Bn. Day sentry posted.
 - 080800 : All arms inspection - correct.
 - 080830 : Details of work.
 - 080830 : CO and party visits posts.
 - 081000 : CO patrol - AAMG Offr leave for ANGAU with Native Police Boy.
 - 081200 : Arrive ANGAU.
 - 081400 : Leave ANGAU.
 - 081600 : Return base.
 - 081750 : Stand to - all posts - Password. Atebrin.
 - 081900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - night sentries posted.
 - 090445 : Stand to all posts.
 - 090540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - sitrep sitner to Bde and Bn - day sentry posted.
 - 090800 : All arms inspected - correct.
 - 090800 : CO and party leave.
 - 090915 : Natives arrive in canoe - take batman and packs to SWAN Beach. Work detailed.
 - 091100 : Two 5 Div Sigs arrive.
 - 091750 : Stand to all posts - Password and Atebrin.
 - 091900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - night sentries posted.
 - 100445 : Stand to all posts.
 - 100540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - day sentry posted - Sitrep sitner to Bde and Bn.

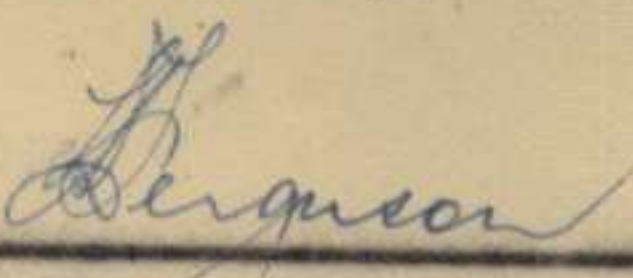
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- 100800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 100830 : Work detailed.
- 100915 : Messages to RSM and Adjt re arm and evacuation of one casualty to 6 Aust Inf Bde.
- 101400 : Lt LONGSON and party (2) arrive.
- 101750 : Stand to - all posts - password - atebria.
- 101900 : Stand down - all posts - all clear - night sentry posted.
- 102000 : Information re Japs received - passed to posts.
- 110445 : Stand to all posts.
- 110540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - sitrep sitnor to Bde and Bn - day sentry posted.
- 110800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 110830 : Work detailed.
- 110900 : Visit by OC patrol and party (1) to No 1 post. RUIJING Village - BANAU - BANTU.
- 111630 : Return to base.
- 111750 : Stand to all posts - Passwords & atebria.
- 111900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - night sentry posted.
- 120445 : Stand to all posts.
- 120540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts. Day sentry posted. Sitrep sitnor to Bde and Bn.
- 120800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 120830 : Work detailed.
- 120900 : Patrol Com and party (1) leave for No 2 Post inspection.
- 121400 : OC patrol returns.
- 121430 : WO1 WOODS and party (2) arrive base.
- 121750 : Stand to all posts - Password - atebria.
- 121900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts, Night sentries posted.
- 130445 : Stand to all posts.
- 13540 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - day sentry posted. Sitrep sitnor to Bde and Bn.
- 130800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 130830 : Work detailed.
- 131030 : Received list of passwords by runner.
- 131115 : Maj HOWARD and batman arrive. Sent message notifying Bn.
- 131750 : Stand to all posts Password - atebria.
- 131900 : Stand Down - all clear - all posts - night sentries posted.
- 140445 : Stand to all posts.
- 140540 : Stand down all posts - all clear - sentry posted. Sitrep sitnor to Bde and Bn.
- 140630 : Major HOWARD and party leave for camp.
- 140630 : Message sent to that effect to Bn.
- 140800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 140830 : Work detailed.
- 140900 : Lft base to visit with Pl Sjt to No 1 Post.
- 141400 : Return to base.
- 141750 : Stand to all posts - Password - atebria.
- 141900 : Stand down - all clear - all posts - night sentries posted.
- 141900 : Received message re relief by 11 Bn.
- 150445 : Stand to all posts.
- 150540 : Stand Down - all clear - all posts - day sentry posted - Sitrep sitnor to Bde and Bn.
- 150800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 150830 : Work detailed.
- 150930 : 3 surveyors arrive per barge, duration of stay 2 days
- 151215 : ADMS & party arrive per barge.
- 151315 : " " Depart per barge with L/Cpl Luabus who has injured eye.
- 151750 : Stand to all posts. Password - atebria.
- 151900 : Stand down all clear, all posts, night sentries posted
- 160445 : Sentries post Stand to all posts.
- 160540 : Stand down all clear - all posts - day sentry posted - Sitrep sitnor Bde-Bn.
- 160600 : Post reliefs move out & Pl Sjt.
- 160800 : All arms inspection - correct.
- 160830 : Work detailed.
- 161130 : ANGAN Police boy arrives at Base with document for forwarding to LAE.
- 161230 : Pl Sjt return from No2 post.
- 161400 : Relieving patrol officer arrives with 3 sec coms, Post inspected by him & stores signed over to him.
- 161750 : Stand to all posts - password - atebria.
- 161900 : Stand down all clear - all posts, password - atebria.

170445 : Stand to all posts.
 170540 : Stand down all clear all posts - Sitrep sitnor to Bde-Bn,
 Day sentry posted.
 170800 : All arms inspection - correct.
 170830 : Work detailed.
 170930 : Bde sig returns to camp per barge, & relief takes over.
 170930) Completed inventory of rations, & tentage sign over to
 171400) receiving patrol offr.
 171950 : Stand to all posts, posts, password - atebria.
 180445 : Stand to all posts.
 180540 : Stand down all clear all posts - sitrep sitnor Bde-Bn
 180600 : Relieving patrols move out to posts.
 180600 : Pers relieved in camp move out & return to camp.
 180630 : No2 patrol relieved, return to camp.
 180730 : " 1 " " " " " with patrol cmd.
 181030 : Pl Sjt & 2 sec comds return to camp.
 181500 : Patrol arrives camp as Pl - all correct.

SIG MESSAGES RECEIVED.

(1) 081200 : Ref 2 x 5 Div sigs
 (2) 101415 : Ref Jap activity in KALANGPERRIN area.
 (3) 101005 : Ref 28 Bn Bren & entrenching tool
 (4) 110825 : Ref Colour patches.
 (5) 141455 : Ref Relieving patrol cmd.
 (6) 161111 : Ref Ration barge.
 (7) 170530 : Ref Bde sigs return
 (8) 171530 : Ref Handover of rations, stores etc.
 (9) : Ref Re jap activity.


 Lt
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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

PATROL REPORT

Prepared by Lt. J.D. KNIGHT.

16 AUST INF BN (A.I.F.)

1. OBJECT. Establish track block at vicinity track junc 997753
2. TPS. Comd. - Lt J.D. Knight
11 pl
with under cmd;-

2 e/rs	2 Fd Amb
1 e/r	13 Bde H.Q.
1 "	16 Bn (S.B.)
1 "	" (Int)
2 "	" (Sigs)
3. DEPARTURE. 040400 hrs K
4. RETURN. 181700 hrs K
5. ROUTE. Main road - PURPURENA track - KAITON track.
6. WEATHER CONDITIONS. Heavy rain about 091900 hrs K otherwise fine.
7. REF MAPS. DRINA 11n - 1 ml
Trace 4in - 1 ml (see Appx 'B')
8. GENERAL.
 - (a) BASE.
 1. Site Base site was taken over from 28 Bn at Map Ref 997753
 2. Security. By day two sentries were posted at the two approaches to the site. At night these sentries were withdrawn, and, together with the prowler picquet, provided protection within the perimeter. A vine system was established and weapon pits dug.
 3. Hygiene. The old latrine was burnt out and filled in, and another one dug. Kitchen refuse was burnt and buried.
The 2 Fd Amb med orderlies and Bn S.B. fulfilled the duties of hygiene.
 4. Water. was drawn from the KULANLAU creek.
 - (b) PATROLS.
 1. Single Day Patrols. Two patrols operated to any two of the following:-
 - TATONGPAL VILLAGE
 - NO2. PATROL POST.
 - TUAPOONA NO 1.
 - TUAPOONA NO 2.
 - DRINA DROME
 2. Two Day Patrols One patrol operated to BARIMAN every second day. Six patrols in all.

(c) MEDICAL.

The two med orderlies from the Fd Amb, and the unit S.B. conducted sick parades, and accompanied patrols periodically.

One o/r was returned to camp with Tropical Ear.

(d) RATIONS.

Normal rations, supplemented by fish.
No emergency rations were broken.

(e) COMMUNICATIONS.

By W/T were satisfactory.

(f) TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Int section representative will submit a report on tracks recce'd and one Japanese grave at BARIMAN and some suspected Allied graves at DRINA.

(g) NATIVES.

The natives generally were very friendly and on several occasions accompanied patrols

1. Villages

TATONGPAL	12	Huts	
TUAPOONA No 1.	7	"	
TUAPOONA No 2	12	"	
KAITON No 1.	1	"	(deserted)
KAITON No 2.	11	"	
KAITON No 3.			(guttled by fire)
BARIMAN	16	"	

2. Gardens according to the natives the gardens generally had been decimated by the enemy. Although fairly rich in root crops, there was certainly very little Banana, Breadfruit, and Sugar cane.

Paw paws were reasonably plentiful.

(h) DIARY.

See Appx 'A'.

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J.D. KNIGHT COMD POST NO 1.

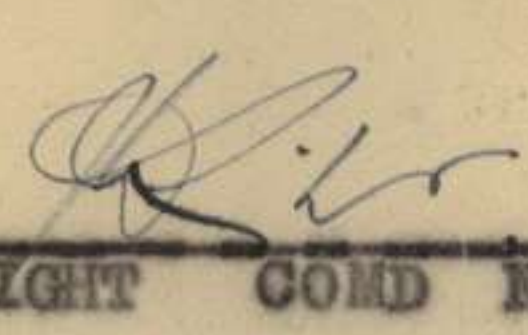
- 4 Feb. 1200 completed change over of post, Reptd Bde.
1330 ration barge arrived, unloaded.
two o/rs FSS m/i
- 5 Feb 0800 Advised Bde sitnor.
two patrols, one to DRINA, one to TATONGPAL.
0830 A/c flying North
1020 F/plane NW.
1330 W/c flying south
Camp reorganised, Tul Tul from KAITON NO 2. introduced himself
Capt JAMES WO 11 FORBES from B coy arrived for biv.
WO 11 HAYES, Sgt WILLIAMS Fd survey Biv.
- 6 Feb. 0830 Advised Bde, Patrols report sitnor, Capt James and WO 11 Forbes
returned to camp, Survey Sec continued south, - Two day
patrol despatched to BARIMAN, one day patrol to TATONGPAL
1530 A/c Float plane North,
Pte GEORGE (cook) sick, URTI. Rodents noticed round camp
Scrub Typhus precautions renewed.
7. Feb. 0715 A/c float plane South
0800 Advised Bde sitnor, one day patrol to TUAPOONA No 1. and one
day patrol to TATONGPAL.
GEORGE still off duty,
1500 BARIMAN patrol report sitnor.
Mail arrived ex camp.
- 8 Feb. 0800 Two day patrol to BARIMAN, one day patrol to NO 2 POST. Two
runners to camp. Pte ORR (Int) and Pte HOWLETT. to investigate
crashed A/c south of DRINA.
- 9 Feb. 0400 Air red from base.
0800 One day patrol to TATONGPAL, one day patrol to TUAPOONA NO 1.
Pte CAREY to camp - toothache.
1530 A/c North, BARIMAN patrol report sitnor
Two runners return ex camp
1830 A/c South
1900 A/c North - heavy rain.
- 10 Feb. 0800 Advised Bde sitnor, two day patrol to BARIMAN, one day patrol
to TATONGPAL
0930 A/c South.
1100 Capt BOGLE (ACF) and 2 o/rs ex Div visited for lunch
1500 Patrol from No 2 POST arrived to biv
1700 Message received ref 3 suspected enemy
- 11 Feb 0700 Two lost U.S. servicemen reported - message to Div
0800 One day patrol to TATONGPAL one day patrol to TUAPOONA No 2.
1100 4 A/c North
1500 BARIMAN patrol report Tultul taken to hospital suspected
dysentery, reported to I.O. by runner.
Ptes THOMSON AND O'HALLORAN reported ex camp.
- 12 Feb. 0800 Two day patrol to BARIMAN with instructions to inspect
hygiene and water. One day patrol to TATONGPAL.
0900 A/c North
1000 2 Flts bombers North. Returned 1100.
two runners to camp, returned with Passwords
- 13 Feb 0800 Advised Bde sitnor. One day patrols to TUAPOONA NO 2 and
TATONGPAL
0810 A/c South
1130 A/c North
1330 Float plane North
1500 Two day patrol from BARIMAN report hygiene O.K. Natives
volunteered information that LODI inlet is crocodile infested.
- 14 Feb. 0800 Two day patrol to BARIMAN one day to NO 2 POST
0900 Capt MURDOCH, Lt ARMSTRONG, Sgt DOYLE, 5 o/rs arrived ex No 2
POST
1230 2 Flts Bombers South
1445 Capt MURDOCH Cpl TULLOCH to camp

15 Feb. 0600 Lt ARMSTRONG 5 e/rs returned to camp
0800 One day patrols to TATONGPAL and TUAPOONA No 2
0820 Air alert. S.B. to KAITON to attend sick man
Canoe washed to sea from TATONGPAL crossing
TULLOCH to camp to m/e to school

16 Feb. 0715 A/c North . Float plane south
0800 Patrol to TATONGPAL and LOG CROSSING.
1100 Recce party from 11 Bn Lts REYNOLDS and ZIMMER and 4 e/rs.
Patrol from No 2 POST arrived and departed
Sgt STENHOUSE and Cpl HOAD arrived ex camp.
1500 Natives had small singsing in vicinity

17 Feb. 0700 A/c u/i (very high)
0800 Patrols to canoe crossing and KAITON.
1100 Patrol from No 2 Post
1445 A/c North

18 Feb. Preparation to hand over to 11 Bn
1130 Returned to camp by march route.



J.D. KNIGHT COMD NO 1 POST. Lt.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES.

PATROL REPORT

19 FEB 45

PREPARED BY LT T.A. GLASSON

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1. OBJECT : To est track block in vicinity map ref 997817 and prevent enemy approach from the SOUTH.
2. PARTY : Comd Lt T.A. Glasson
Tps 12 Pl B Coy (str 1 offr, 3 Cpls, 36 ORs including one cook)
with under comd -
 - 1 det 2 Fd Amb(2 med orderlies)
 - 1 OR 16 Bn SB
 - 1 " " Int sec
 - 2 ORs " sig see
 - 1 OR 13 Bde " "
3. DATE & TIME OF DEPARTURE : 0640 hrs 4 Feb 45
4. DATE & TIME OF ARRIVAL : 1230 hrs 18 Feb 45.
5. ROUTE : Main PURPURENA Track.
6. WEATHER CONDITIONS : Heavy rain on Sunday 4 Feb otherwise fine.
7. REF MAPS : DRINA sheet 1 in - 1 ml
16 Bn Int sec 4 in - 1 ml.
8. GENERAL : (a) Base
Layout : Base site was taken over from 28 Bn at map reg 997817 on SOUTH EAST side of track. Perimeter de was est and weapon pits dug.
security measures:
A security picquet of 2 men - one at each approach to camp - was on duty throughout the hours of daylight and doubled during darkness. In addition an inlying picquet of 2 men were on duty within perimeter during hours of darkness. Alarm system made of vines & tins was used and tested twice per day.
Hygiene : Latrine installed and burnt out every three days. All tins and kitchen refuse were buried. One man was employed on hygiene duties daily.
Water: Supplies were drawn from small stream flowing passed camp. Water was 1-2 cup. Owing to long period without rain level of stream was subsiding.
(b) Patrols:
Normal str 1 cpl 6 ORs
(weapons - 2 Owen guns 5 rifles)
operated on tracks.-
 1. Camp - PURPURENA
 2. Camp - WUNUNG RIVER
 - Camp. - KAITON

(b) Cont.

Daily Patrols

1. Early morning patrols 0545 20 mins each way each side of camp.

Day patrols

2. One patrol to TUAPOONA - PURPURENA.
3. One patrol to either of other two tracks.
4. An alternative two day patrol to contact No 1 patrol KAITON was est.

(c) Natives:

Natives of PUAPAL were not very friendly owing to Allied soldiers' pilfering of their gardens and indiscriminate shooting parties at weekends. Natives of TUAPOONA were very willing to co-operate with the daily patrols.

(d) Villages:

PUAPAL 20 ~~viking~~ huts in village
population approx 70.

TUAPOONA 7 huts in village
population approx 35

(e) Native Gardens:

1. Large gardens surround PUAPAL.
2. Large garden at TUAPOONA.
3. Garden at PURPURENA (NAME only) consists of 1 coconut tree and secondary growth. Gardens of PUAPAL and TUAPOONA consists of root crops - Bananas - Pawpaws - with the addition of coconut trees at TUAPOONA.

(f) Rations:

Brought out weekly on Saturdays by ANEAU. Some of the rations at camp were found to be unfit for consumption e.g.

Dehydrated food found to be mouldy.

Tins of meat found to be blown.

These were thrown out.

FOR 02 rations were used on the seventh day and all meat rations enclosed were blown (Heinz 57)

M & V from supplies was used in its place.

(g) Camp Site Improvements:

1. slit trench dug for each man.
2. Trench incinerator type latrine dug.
3. 3 mess tables and seats erected.
4. Improvised Oven for Bread Baking constructed
5. Corduroy paths laid.
6. Hand & signal vines.

(h) Medical:

This was the duty of 2 med orderlies from 2 fd Amb, Ptes Bale and McKenna and SB 16 Bn Pte McRitchie. They assisted with hygiene and accompanied patrols.

(i) Communications: By W/T with moderate reception.

(j) Topographical: Additional track infm was gained by patrols and pers Int sec 16 Bn. Reports have been submitted through these channels.

J A Glasson Lt

T.A. GLASSON PATROL COMD.

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

DIARY

19 FEB 45

PERIOD 4 FEB - 18 FEB 45

PREPARED BY LT T.A. GLASSON

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

1945:

Sunday 4 Feb:

0640 Party left for Patrol Camp.
0910 Arrived at Patrol Camp.
0930 Took over from old patrol - 28 Bn party left for main camp-change over completed- Bde advised.
1200 Sit nor.
1300 Perimeter def sited and slit trenches dug - latrine started.
1800 Sit nor Bde advised.
1930 Commenced Raining
2210 Ceased raining

Monday 5 Feb:

0545 Security patrol out 40 mins.
0800 Patrol left for TUAPOONA.
0815 4 natives passed camp going to TUAPOONA to barter
0850 Unidentified plane to SOUTH going EAST.
1145 Capt James, WO Forbes arrived, stayed for lunch.
1150 22 Bn party of 3(Pte Stanlake I sec) arrived - stayed for lunch - going out PURPURENA area for 3 days
1250 Both parties moved off-Capt James to KAITON.
1545 Patrol returned Sit nor.
1800 Sit nor Bde advised.

Tuesday 6 Feb:

0545 Security patrol
0745 Pte James D.W., Pte Hollington to main camp-return to BHQ of stores handed over.
0800 Patrols to TUAPOONA and WUNUNG river.
0845 Unidentified plane to NORTH going SOUTH.
0920 Ptes Cook & Dwyer arrived with mail, 1 box PKs from YMCA.
1000 Left for main camp
1100 Tul Tul of PUAPAL arrived - appeared to be on a scrounging expedition. Left at 1220.
1600 Patrols returned sit nor.
1800 Sit nor.

Wednesday 7 Feb

0545 security patrol
0800 Patrols to TUAPOONA. Started cutting new track to KAITON.
0815 Patrol WUNUNG RIVER.(Pte James Int Sec Pte Dungate
0838 2(Boomerangs) planes over camp going EAST.
0855 Cpls Hoad & Ridley arrived with mail and news sheet
1025 2(Boomerang)planes circled camp last seen going SOUTH EAST.
1048 22 Bn Party returned, no new infm.
1115 Party left for main camp.
1150 Sjt Byas arrived from No1 Patrol to collect mail.
1300 Cpl Hoads party including Pte Waldoch left for main camp.
Sjt Byas to KAITON.
1400 Patrol(track cutting) returned camp, cut 3000 yds.
1600 Patrol TUAPOONA and WUNUNG river returned. Sit nor.
1600 22 Bn exercise EAST of PUAPAL .
shots & explosions.
1800 Sit nor Bde advised.

Thursday 8 Feb:

0545 Security patrol.
0800 Patrols to TUAPOONA and track to KAITON -cutting.
0830 Unidentified plane to NW going WEST.
1010 Unidentified plane to NW.

Thursday 8 Feb(cont)

1200 Party of 5 from KAITON first of the 2 day patrols stayed to lunch.
1305 Party left.
1600 Patrols returned sit nor.
1800 sit nor.

Friday 9 Feb:

0305 Bren Gun fire from EAST.
0350 Air Raid Red from main camp
0410 All clear 2 shots.
0545 Security patrol.
0800 Patrols to TUAPOONA & KAITON.
0830 Native passed going to TUAPOONA.
0835 Pte Gough arrived from camp.
1030 Aircraft going NORTH.
1245 Forrest Survey party 2 ORs 4 natives passed going to main camp.
1600 Patrols returned Track progressed to Creek June 3 miles.
1800 sit nor B de advised.

Saturday 10 Feb:

0545 security patrol
0800 Patrol to KAITON(overnight)
Patrol to T APOONA.
0930 ANGAU carriers arrived with supplies.
0940 Pte Harrowa arrived with mail.
0950 Carriers departed.
0955 Pte Harrowa departed with outward mail.
1010 2 natives passed in search of Betel Nut.
1130 4 natives from PALA visiting PUAPAL stayed half hour.
1450 Patrol returned SITNOR. Report all males from TUAPOONA into ANGAU for needles.
1800 sit nor.

Sunday 11 Feb:

0545 Security patrol.
0800 Patrol to WUNUNG RIVER along SOUTH SIDE.
0810 Party to main camp with mail.
1100 Patrol returned KAITON sit nor.
1215 Shots heard from PUAPAL Gardens, on investigating found 4 USE servicemen firing at birds & trees. in garden. Warned off.
1400 Patrol returned sit nor.
1800 Sit nor Bde advised.

Monday 12 Feb:

0545 security patrol.
0745 Ptes Jones & Neathr to main camp for mail.
0800 Patrol to TUAPOONA
0815 Cpl Symes to camp for 1 pr boots.
0900 Douglas aircraft WEST going EAST.
0905 3 Natives from PUAPAL passed going to TUAPOONA for bartering.
1100 Aircraft to SOUTH.
1215 Native party returned with food.
1530 Unidentified Aircraft to SOUTH going EAST.
1600 Patrol returned sit nor.
1800 sit nor.

Tuesday 13 Feb.

0545 security patrol.
0800 Patrol to TUAPOONA & WUNUNG RIVER.
0808 Aircraft EAST of camp going WEST.
0845 Capt Murdoch, Lt Armstrong & party(8) arrived, stayed to lunch.
1300 Party left for KAITON, stayed overnight at Gk June.
1545 Allied aircraft (fighter) heading WEST.
1600 Patrol returned sit nor.
1800 sit nor Bde advised.

Wednesday 14 Feb:

0545 security patrol.
0800 Patrols to TUAPOONA and track SOUTH to PUAPAL.
0845 Cpl Tulloch & party arrived from KAITON.
0900 Party from main camp with mail.

Wednesday 14 Feb(cont)

0945 Both parties left for their camps.
1100 2(Boomerangs)planes circled camp, last seen going EAST.
1110 Major Prince & party(29Bn) arrived, wanted track infm.
1130 Party left.
1545 Patrols returned sit nor.
1800 sit nor.

Thursday 15 Feb:

0545 security patrol.
0800 Patrols to TUAPOONA & WUNUNG RIVER.
0945 Unidentified plane circling about 1 mile EAST.
1145 Boomerang over camp going WEST.
1200 2 natives from PUAPAL visited camp stayed 1/2 hour.
1250 2 natives from TUAPOONA visited camp stayed 1 hour.
1600 Patrols returned sit nor.
1700 One native with bananas for barter.
1800 sit nor Bde advised.

Friday 16 Feb:

0545 security patrol.
0630 Plane circling NE over main camp.
0800 Party from main camp, Sjt Stnehouse passing through KAITON.
0800 Patrol to KAITON.
0825 Plane to EAST going NORTH.
0950 Lt Williams 11 Bn arrived., recce for takeover.
1245 Party left for main camp.
1330 Unidentified plane to NORTH going SE.
1515 Patrol reports Pte Thomascini D Coy 16 Bn in hut with natives at PUAPAL.
1525 Patrol returned from KAITON sit nor.
1800 sit nor.

saturday 17 Feb

0545 security patrol
0300 Patrols to TUAPOONA - WUNUNG RIVER.
1000 2 natives passed camp in search of Betel Nut.
1600 Patrols returned Sit nor.
1800 sit nor Bde advised.

sunday 18 Feb:

0545 security patrol.
0935 11 B n party arrived.
0945 Changeover commenced stores checked.
1010 Left for main camp.
1235 Arrived main camp.

T. A. Glasson Lt

T.A. GLASSON Patrol Comd.

R E P O R T on H51.

Ref map TOL 1 in to 1 mile.

R.L.A. MURDOCH Capt

I accompanied the patrol as an observer.

Patrol. Fighting one pl with attached 3 sigs
1 SB
1 Int

Task . 1. Recce JAMMER Bay for barge points
2. Report any signs of recent enemy movement.

Composition. Comd Lt KNIGHT. J. D.

11 pl
3 sigs
1 SB
1 Int
plus myself as an observer.
Strength 36 all ranks.

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS.

D 1. 11 Apr - move to map ref 7144054 and establish perimeter for night 11/12 Apr. Patrep NMS.

D11. 12cApr move to map ref 798500 and establish perimeter for night 12/13 Apr. Patrep NMS.

D111. 13 Apr enemy attack and withdraw.

0500 - 0600 Stand to 100%.

0540 - 0600 security patrols (2)
One sec NORTH along track for distance for 300 yds
one sec SOUTH along track to BUNKER investigate area.
Both these patrols report NMS.

0600 Listening post established one per sec - location see sketch.

0600 - 0700 Break fast and preparation for move fwd.

0700 Enemy attack.

0745 - 0815 Withdrawal from perimeter.

0815- 1830 withdrawal continued to UMAMITKI River.

Night 13/14 Apr biv UMAMITKI River area.

GENERAL.

At 121530K patrol had reached map ref 798500 and pl Comd decided it was a suitable spot and recced perimeter for night 12/13. The perimeter was close and layed out so that the pl Comd had complete control.

On three sides the ground fell away sharply & except for a small patch of thick under brush on the NORTH side, the man had a good field of view.

On the fourth side the ground sloped gradually away was covered with very thick rain forest and secondary growth. The visibility was limited to 15 yds. This in my estimation was the only dangerous point and the pl Comd and sec Comds appreciated this.

At 130500 the pl stood to 100%. At 0540 two security patrols moved out as already stated and returned at 0600. Report of both patrols was NMS and no signs of recent movement.

At stand down the pl Comd made arrangements for the safety of the pl by having one sentry per sec to each front. Distances and locations of sentries are located on sketch. The sentry closest to the attack was necessarily closer to the perimeter owing to poor visibility.

The attack was opened at approx 0700 hrs from a south westerly direction by a short burst of LMG. It materialised on 6 sec front. 6 sec sentry did not hear the approach of the enemy but located the spot where the burst came. He regained his slit trench. 5 sec sentry was on the opposite side of the perimeter and was wounded by a grenade or mortar over shooting the mark.

He lost consciousness early and regained it prior to the withdraw. 4 sec sentry was in dead ground to the first burst and regained his slit trench unharmed. Of the remainder, five men were away filling water bottles and the rest were either sitting near their slit trenches eating breakfast or preparing to move. All pers away from the perimeter were carrying weapons and ammunition.

Two of these men were very close to the perimeter when the firing opened and throughout the action were serving as protection ~~as sentry~~ for 5 sec sentry. These two were also wounded by over-thrown grenades.

SEQUENCE OF THE ACTION.

The attack opened on 6 sec front by a short burst of LMG fire, fired from a distance of approx 80 yds. This acted as a signal and immediately another LMG plus several SMG's opened fire. Under this cover riflemen moved into varying distances from 15 to 40 yds and proceeded to throw grenades. 6 sec repulses attack by the use of grenades and heavy automatic fire. At this stage a knee mortar and rifle grenadier came into action about 80 to 100 yds to the EAST, and 4 sec stopped an encircling movement from the SOUTH to the EAST. The three men who were killed and Cpl CLARK who was mortally wounded were casualties from direct hits by mortar or grenade on their slit trenches. Throughout the action enemy automatic fire was never dangerous, as bursts were hitting the trees 6 to 9 feet above the ground. Grenade and mortar were the only source of danger.

At about 0745 the enemy had withdrawn, and Lt KNIGHT decided to evacuate the position owing to casualties and uncertainty of enemy strength. The line of withdraw was WEST. One sec was sent to high ground on southwest to cover the route out, while pl Comd and several men improvised ^{stretcher} which to carry Cpl CLARK. The withdrawal was accomplished without incident and it continued to the coast and along to the mouth of the UMAMITKI River. The pl arrived UMAMITKI 131830K.

REMARKS.

The patrol had been out of communications with base since 111200K.

The estimated strength of enemy attack was a least twenty with two LMG's knee mortar rifle grenade and SMG's.

The conduct of the troops without the action was highly commendable. They handled their weapons and their grenades calmly and even though under heavy fire they kept the enemy well out. It was the first time in action for all concerned.

R. L. A. Murdoch

Capt

WX32982 R.L.A. MURDOCH.
2ic. B Coy. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

REPORT on H 51.

Ref Map TOL 1 in to 1 mile.

J. D. KNIGHT Lt.

Part 1.

Nature of Patrol

A. Fighting

B. Lt J. D. KNIGHT. 11 pl B Coy
3 sigs
1 SB
1 Int sec
1 Observer's
(Capt MURDOCH)

36 ALL RANKS.

Object

Proceed to JAMMER Bay
Report recent enemy movement.
Rece suitable barge pts in JAMMER Bay.

Time.

110730K to 151530K.

Sequence of Events.

- D1. Proceed to map ref 744504 biv for the night 11/12 Apr 45.
At 1200 hrs 208 set out of commission. NMS.
- D2. Proceeded to map ref 798500 biv for night 12/13 Apr 45.
208 set still out of commission. NMS.
- D3. (Intended to establish hidden base in the vicinity of the perimeter and proceeded to JAMMER Bay to carry out object of patrol)
0500. 100% Stand to.
- 0540 - 0600 Security patrol (NCO 6 Ors) NORTH along track for 300 yards and return. NMS.
Security patrol (NCO and 6 ORs) SOUTH along track to BUNKER, investigate area and return. NMS.
- 0600 Stand down. One listening post per sec established.
- 0600 - 0700 Breakfast adm and preparation for fwd move.
- 0700 Enemy attack from the SE.
- 0745 - 0815 Withdrawal from perimeter.
- 0815 - 1830 Move to the UMANITKI River. Biv for night. 13/14 Apr 45.

Part 11

The stand to on the morning of the 13 Apr 45 passed without incidents. The security patrols, one NORTH along the track 300 yards and return, and one SOUTH along to the BUNKER, investigate and return, reported all clear to their respective fronts. Stand down was ordered and listening post for one man per sec were established. No 4 sec post being 30 yards NORTH of the perimeter No 5 sec post 30 yards to the WEST of the perimeter and No 6 sec 20 yards to the SOUTH of the perimeter. Positions are indicated on the sketch.

Orders to the sentries were that they take up their posts as indicated and give warning of enemy approach by opening fire. They were then to immediately return to their slit trench in the sec area.

The intention of the days activities - issued at this stage as a warning order only - was to form a hidden base of rations and heavier equipment, and to proceed into JAMMER Bay to carry out the object of the patrol. The time of movement was warned as 0730 hrs. Accordingly, following the order of Stand down, preparation continued to this end. The rations of the day were:

Breakfast. One meal field Operational ration No 02.

Dinner One tin of bully per three men

Evening Meal One meal field operational ration No 02.

Orders were given that two men per sec could proceed to the creek in order to replenish the water supply. Each man who left the perimeter carried his weapon.

At the time of the attack the pl was disposed as follows:

One listening post of one man per sec were at their posts (Indicated on sketch). Two men of 4 sec, one man of 5 sec were at the creek. Two sigs were about 50 yards from the perimeter returning from the creek. The remainder of the pl were having breakfast or preparing for the days operations.

The sentry of No 6 sec did not observe or hear the approach of the enemy, but observed the first burst of fire and managed to get back to his slit trench. The sentry of No 5 sec was hit and knocked out early in the action and did not regain consciousness until about twenty minutes later. He was protected by the two sigs who were returning from the creek. These men remained outside the perimeter during the action and were subsequently wounded by over range mortars and grenades. The sentry of No 4 sec was in dead ground to the first bursts and managed to return to his slit trench unharmed.

The enemy opened up with light automatics from a distance of about 80 yards and from a SE direction. He quickly moved in under this covering fire to positions ranging from 15 to 40 yards from the perimeter. The opening fire was not effective as it was very high, and by the time the mortars opened up from about 100 yards to the EAST the men were all in their slit trenches and in a position to engage the attackers with fire. Their conduct during the actions were very commendable, and they exchanged shot for shot. One encircling movement to the left flank was repulsed by 4 sec with the use of hand grenades.

The majority of the casualties incurred were from mortar or grenade fire and it is a point worth recording that the construction of ground sheet, rain shelters over some of the slit trenches was instrumental in saving at least eight members of the pl from becoming serious casualties. Grenades landed on these shelters and skidded off the explosive harmlessly. Four of the men who did not have these shelters, were subject to direct hits from grenade or mortar. Three of them were killed and one, Cpl, CLARK, subsequently died during the move to the UNAMITKI River.

At about 0745 the firing had ceased and, in view of the casualties (3 killed, one seriously wounded, later died, one missing and thirteen walking wounded), the uncertainty of the enemy strength and his reinforcements, and also the fact that there had been no communicating since 11200K it was decided to evacuate the position.

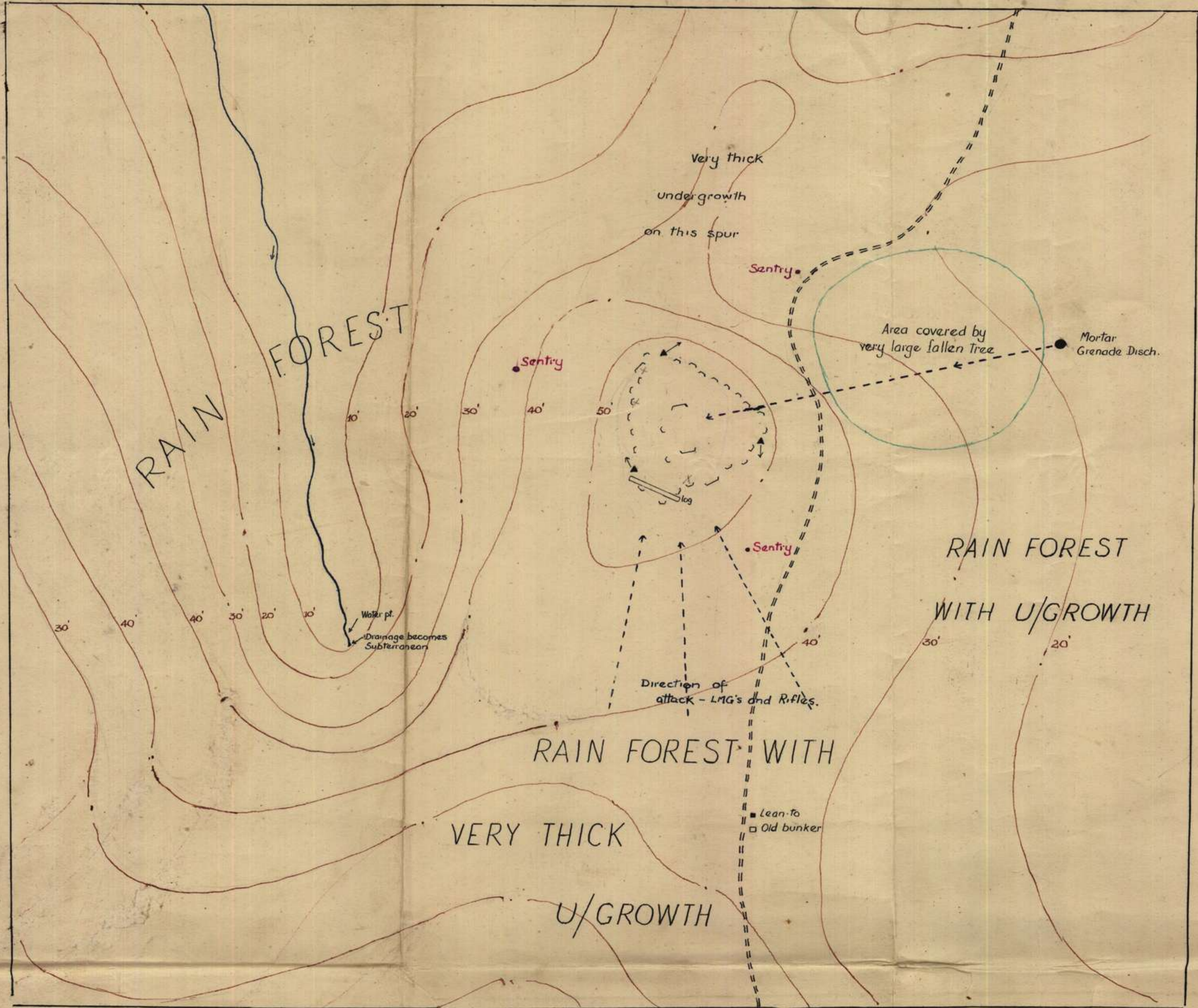
Contact was broken in the following manner. Capt MURDOCH, the pl Sjt and four men moved out as leading elements to the high ground WEST of the creek. The stretcher bearer and three men, with a guard, carried out Cpl CLARK on a improvised stretcher. Then at intervals the secs thinned out. Capt MURDOCH returned to the perimeter and was the last man to leave it at approx 0815 hrs. The 208 set had been hit by a mortar and before leaving the sig Cpl completed its destruction. Apart from two rifles and one Owen gun which had been hit and rendered unseless, no weapons were left in the area. After the reorganisation and the wounded had been cared for the move to the UMANITKI River was effected without further contact being made.

A detailed sketch showing dispositions, ground, and the type of cover is attached to this report.

J. D. Knight

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WX32971 J. D. KNIGHT.
OC 11 pl. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).



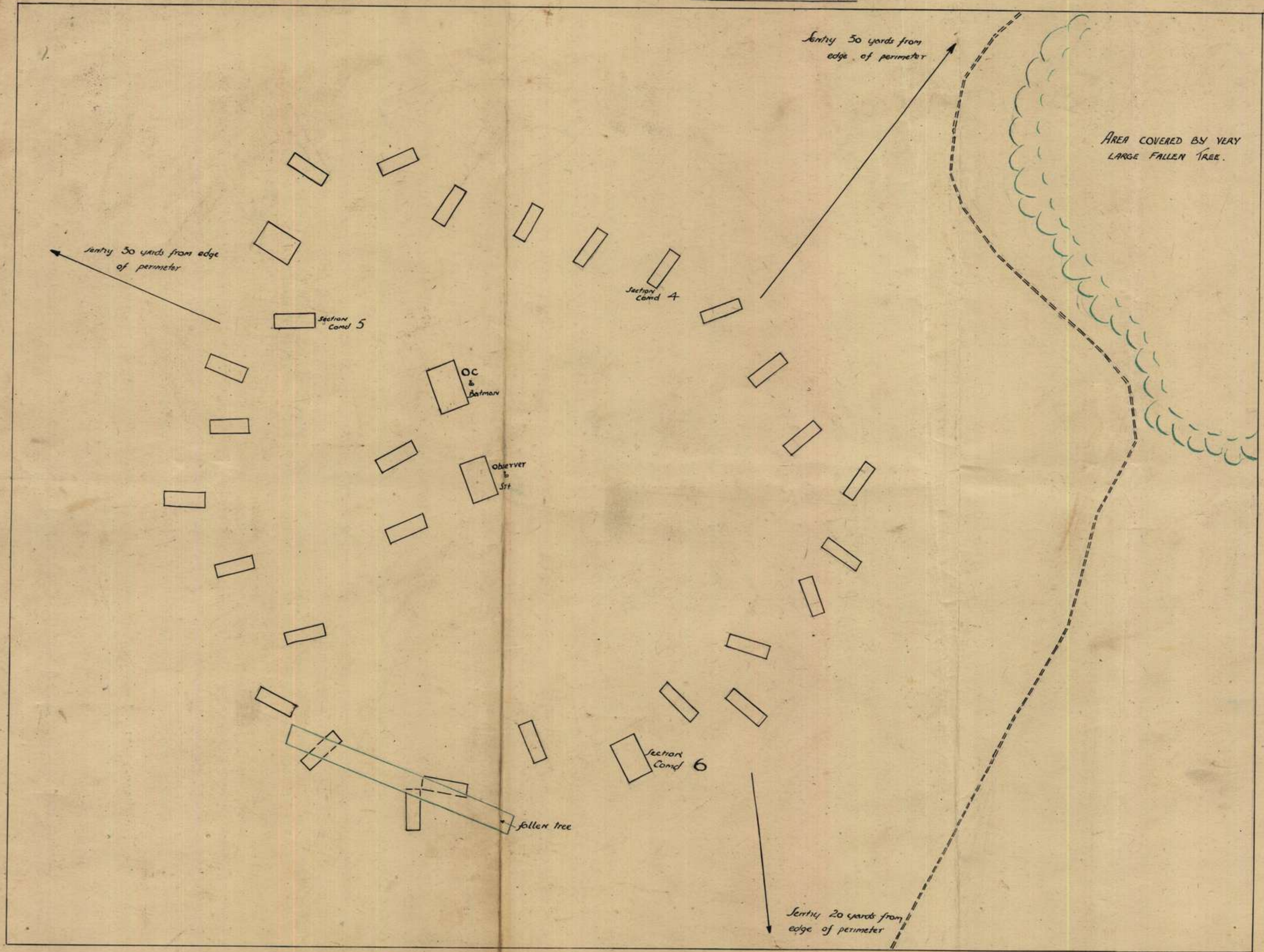
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Int Section
16 Bn.

SKETCH of PATROL PERIMETER 12/13 APRIL

Map Ref: 798500

Ref Map: 10L inch: 1 mile



SCALE 1 INCH : 4 YARDS

Int Section
16 Aust Inf Bn
A.I.F.
Australia

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES



Subject : RECOVERY OF REMAINS
16 BN PERS - JAMMER BAY

16 Inf Bn (AIF)
1 Jan 46
19/W32

13 Inf Bde (AIF)

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Lt KNIGHT J.D. covering trip to JAMMER BAY 26-31 Dec 45.

Lt Col

H.H. McDONALD Comd 16 Inf Bn

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

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Commanding Officer
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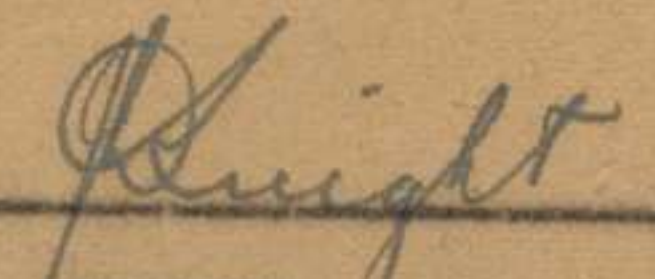
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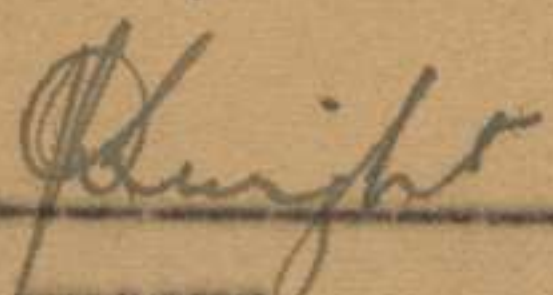
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APPENDIX "D"

BATTALION OPERATIONAL ORDERS 19 DEC 44 to 20 AUG 45

01 No 7

16 AUST INF BN(AIF)

Ref Map : WAITAVALO 1 : 25000

INFO:

1. Enemy : See Current Sitreps
2. Own Tps : No change.

INTENTION :

3. 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) will occupy def posns WAITAVALO feature.

METHOD :

4. Dispositions:

- (a) One pl with att 2 ORs 1 P1, 2 ORs 3P1, 1 OR SB, LAMSHED feature 637519
- (b) Coy HQ and one pl with att 2 ORs 1 P1, 2 ORs 3 P1, 1 OR SB, YOUNGS feature 627519
- (c) One P1 with att 2 ORs 1 P1, 1 OR SB, CAKE Hill 620522
- (d) One P1 with att 2 ORs 1 P1, 1 OR SB, LITTLE CAKE Hill 617522

5. Task

- (a) Early warning of enemy approach
- (b) Maintenance of def posns.
- (c) Local patrolling as laid down by BnHQ.

6. Tps:

- (a) One P1 B Coy will occupy LAMSHED. B Coy HQ and two pls will move to Bn Adv HQ area. Occupation and movement completed 221200K.
- (b) A Coy HQ and one pl will occupy YOUNGS. Occupation complete 211200K.
- (c) C Coy HQ and two pls will move from YOUNGS to old 2 Aust Fd Amb site-to be completed 211200K
- (d) One P1 C Coy will vacate KATHS and move to old 2 Aust Fd Amb site - move complete 221200K.
- (e) One P1 A Coy will relieve D Coy P1 CAKE Hill - one pl A Coy will relieve D Coy pl LITTLE CAKE - D Coy pls move to old 2 Aust Fd Amb site - move complete 221200K

(f) D Coy HQ and one pl vacate LITTLE MOOSE and move to 2 Aust Fd Amb site - complete 221200K

(g) All att pers will return to HQ Coy on mov of their respective comds.

7. Arty

(a) Arty sp on call post comd only by L/T to Bn HQ

(b) DF task as per appx 'A'

8. Mortars

Two ORs will be att LAMSHED and YOUNGS to man mortar OPs.

9. Security

(a) The posns will be occupied throughout the hours of darkness on the basis of 33 1/3 % and with the maximum tps available during daylight.

(b) 100% 'stand-to' will operate from

0500 hrs to 0600 hrs or until all fronts have been cleared.

1745 hrs to 1900 hrs

10. Patrols

(a) The whole of the fronts of def posns will be cleared night and morning.

(b) Local and deep patrolling as ordered by BnHQ.

11. Booby Traps

(a) The use of grenades as booby traps is NOT permitted unless expressly authorised by Bn HQ.

(b) Murray switches with blank cartridges may be used and deloused daily.

12. Blackout

Strict blackout will be maintained during the hours of darkness.

ADM:

13. Amn Res

(a) First line amn according to str will be maintained at posts.

(b) All surplus amn will be returned to Bn res amn dump under QM arrangements.

14. Supp

7 days res supp will be maintained at each post at all times. Surplus supp will be returned under QM arrangements.

15. Water

2 gals res per man will be maintained at each post at all times.

16. Medical

1 OR SB will be att to each post with Medical Pannier.

17. Hygiene

Post Comd will be responsible for the inspection daily of latrines, cookhouses, and gen hygiene measures applying in the area.

INTERCOMN

18. L/T

- (a) 2 ORs one pl will be att to each post for maintenance of lines etc.
- (b) Bn HQ will maintain comn with post.
- (c) Surp wire will reclaimed by arrangements Sig Offr

19. DE

See para 7 & 8

20. Password

To be promulgated to all ranks daily.

ACK

N.S. Fletcher

Capt

N. S. FLETCHER Adjt

Method of Issue SDR
Time of Signature 201600K

DISTRIBUTION

13 Bde	copy No		CAKE COMD	Copy No	
CO	"	1	QM	"	11
21e	"	2	IO	"	12
A Coy	"	3	War Diary	"	13
B	"	4	Hand Over File	"	14
C	"	5	Sig Officer	"	15
D	"	6	RMO	"	16
HQ	"	7	RSM	"	17
KATHS Comd	"	8	File	"	18
LITTLE CAKE Comd	"	9	Spares	"	19
		10			20

No	ISSUED TO	Signature	No	ISSUED TO	Signature
1	B/Bde		11	CAKE ✓	
2	CO	<i>N.S. Fletcher</i> 201700K	12	QM	<i>Allen</i>
3	21e	<i>N.S. Fletcher</i> 201700K	13	IO	<i>Allen</i>
4	A	<i>N.S. Fletcher</i> 201716K	14	War Diary	<i>Allen</i>
5	B ✓		15	Hand over file	<i>N.S. Fletcher</i> 201700K
6	C ✓		16	Sig Offr	<i>Allen</i>
7	D ✓		17	RMO	<i>Allen</i>
8	HQ ✓	<i>N.S. Fletcher</i>	18	RSM	<i>Allen</i>
9	KATHS ✓		19	File	
10	L CAKE ✓		20	Spares	

16 Aust Coy (AIF)

OI - No 6

Ref map - WAITAVALO 1:25000

SECRET
Copy No
16 Jul 45

INFORM.

1. Enemy - See current sitreps
2. Own troops - No Change.

INTENTION

3. 16 Aust Coy (AIF) will provide def of DID Installations

METHOD

4. Ops
One pl B Coy ~~will~~ be not less than 10 pps & 20 e/ps.
5. Weapons - All weapons are 2" mortars.
6. Tanks
(a) Main tank, provide protection for DID Installations against enemy sabotage of Amm dumps & buildings.
(b) Provide perimeter for stores dumps as required by ~~the~~ O.C. DID from time to time.
(c)
7. Posts
(a) Daylight (0800h - 1600h)
One listening post will be maintained at the rear of the Amm dumps to give warning of enemy approach from NORTH.
(b) Perimeter will be provided as required by O.C. DID for Stores Dumps, of area ~~all~~
(c) Darkness (1600h - 0800h)
(a) Two warning perimeters will be maintained perimeter by double sentries to patrol the area of the Amm ~~Stores~~ Dumps. Greatly defined to enable periodical contact by perimeters.
(b) Double sentries will be mounted on Stores dumps as indicated by O.C. DID from time to time.

8. Leave

- (a) Personnel when NOT on duty during daylight hours may be granted leave for recreation by OC PL on the basis of two per section away at the ~~end of~~ ^{end of} period of leave must be clearly defined at time of granting.
- (b) Personnel may be granted leave to attend relatives on the basis of one per section each night.

APM

9. Accommodation

Units provided at location.
Pics supply only ~~and~~ stretchers.

10. Messing

Platoon will provide one cook for pl
~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~messing~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~unit~~ ~~is~~ ~~from~~
messing ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~unit~~ ~~is~~ ~~from~~

11. Rations

APM arrangements.

12. Cooking Fuel

APM ~~arrangements~~ arrange messing
Cooking gas containers.

13. Hygiene

APM will ^{daily} inspect latrines, cook house
general hygiene in the area. ~~They~~

INTERCOMM

L/T.

Battal will maintain L/T to POW.
Unit supply ~~to~~ telephone.

Act

Issue of Issue
Method of Issue SDR.

Act

Subunits

13 Platoon	1
Co	2
B Coy	3-4
Q Coy	5
10	6
Workshop	7

<u>Issue</u>	
HQ Coy	8
Headquarters file	9
FILE	10
Stores	11-14

FILE

SECRET

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10 Jul 45

16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) OI No 5

Ref Maps WAITAVALO 1/25000
NUGINIKLUB 1/25000

INFM:

- 1. Enemy See current sitreps
- 2. Own Tps No Change

INTENTION

- 3. 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) will maintain standing Patrol Track Junc 589576 vicinity WUIWUT River.

METHOD:

4. Tps

One Pl B Coy with att
 1 OR SB
 2 ORs sigs
 will be sited for all round def 589576

5. Arty

- (a) Arty sp on call post Comd only by L/T or W/T to BnHQ.
- (b) DF Tasks as per Appx A

6. Security

- (a) The posns will be occupied throughout the hours of darkness on the basis of 33 1/3% and with the maximum available during daylight.
- (b) 100% 'stand to' will operate from 0500 hrs to 0600 hrs or until all fronts have been cleared.

1745 hrs to 1900 hrs.

7. Patrols

- (a) The whole of the post front will be cleared every night and morning
- (b) Deep patrolling as ordered by BnHQ.

8. Booby Traps

- (a) The use of grenades as booby traps is NOT permitted unless expressly authorised by BnHQ
- (b) Murray switches with blank .303 cartridges may be used and deloused by day.

9. Blackout

strict blackout will be maintained during hours of darkness. No fires between 1745K & 0530K

10. Fire Plan, Arty Mortars and MMG attached as Appx 'B'

ADM:

11. Ann Reserve

.303 Bdr	1000	Gren Hand	60
.303 Ctn	2496	" Rifle	12
9mm	1600		

12. Sups

3 days sups will be maintained at the post at all times.

13. Water

2 gals reserve per man will be maintained at all posts at all times.

14. Hygiene

Post Comd will be responsible to inspect daily, latrines, cook house, and general hygiene measures applying in area.

INTERCOMN

15. L/T

BnHQ will maintain L/T comm with post and call post in half hourly schedule.

16. W/T

(a) In the event of L/T failure, post will operate 108 Mk111 set on two hourly schedule commencing 0700 hrs daily and concluding 1700 hrs.

(b) BnHQ will maintain a continuous listening watch when necessary for emergency calls.

17. Pigeons

BnHQ will supply pigeons by native train every second day.

18. DF

see para 5

19. Pass word

To be promulgated to all ranks daily.

ACK

(sgd) N. S. FLETCHER Capt

Time of Signature..... *20/7/44*

Method of Issue SDR

DISTRIBUTION

- | | | | |
|-----------|---|----------------|-------|
| 13 Bde | 1 | IO | 8 |
| CO | 2 | War Diary | 9 |
| 2ic | 3 | Hand over file | 10 |
| B Coy | 4 | File | 11 |
| Post Comd | 5 | Spare | 12/13 |
| HQ Coy | 6 | | |
| QM | 7 | | |

1	BDE	MA	24/7
2	CO	MA	24/7
3	2IC	MA	
4	B Coy	<i>Shelley Bell</i>	
5	WOLWAT	SDS MA	24/7
6	HQ	<i>2. Spence</i>	
7	QM	<i>Shelley Bell</i>	
8	IO		
9	War Diary	<i>Shelley Bell</i>	24/7
10	Hand over file	MA	24/7
11	File	MA	24/7
12/13	Spare	MA	24/7

FILE

10
10

SECRET

16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) OI No 4

Copy No.....

Ref Map WAITAVALO 1/25000

25 Jun 45

INFM:

1. Enemy see current Sitreps
2. Own Tps No Change

INTENTION:

3. 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) will hold def posn POPPAS feature 64i507

METHOD:

4. Tps One PI B Coy with att
1 OR SB
1 OR Sig

will be sited for all round def at 64i507

5. Arty

- (a) Arty sp on call Post Comd only by L/T to BnHQ.
- (b) DF tasks as per Appx 'A'

6. Mortars

- (a) Mortar Sp on call to BnHQ by L/T
- (b) Mortar tasks as per Appx 'B' att

7. Security

- (a) The posns will be occupied throughout the hours of darkness on the basis of 33 1/3% and with the maximum available during daylight.
- (b) 100% 'Stand to' will operate from
0500 hrs to 0600 hrs or until all fronts have been cleared.
1745 hrs to 1900 hrs.

8. Patrols

- (a) The whole of the post front will be cleared every night and morning.
- (b) Deep patrolling as ordered by BnHQ.

9. Booby Traps

- (a) The use of grenades as booby traps is NOT permitted unless expressly authorised by BnHQ.
- (b) Murray Switches with blank .303 cartridges may be used and deloused^{ed} by day.

10. Black Out

Strict black out will be maintained during hours of darkness, No fires between 1745K and 0530K.

11. Fire Plan Arty Mortar and MMG att as Appx 'C'

ADM:

12. Arm Reserve

.303 bdr	1000	Gren - hand	60
.303 ctn	2496	" Rifle	36
9mm	1600	Sig Red	6
Mort 2"		Sig Green	6
HE	36	Sig Illum	6
Smoke	12		

13. Saps

3 days saps will be maintained at the post at all times.

14. Water

2 gal reserve per man will be maintained at the post at all times.

15. Hygiene

Post Comd will be responsible to inspect daily, latrines; cook house; and general hygiene measures applying in area.

INTERCOMN:

16. L/T BnHQ will maintain comm with post.

17. DF See para 5 & 6

18. Pass word

to be promulgated to all ranks daily.

ACK:

Sgd N.S. FLETCHER Capt
Adjt.

Method of Issue SDR
Time of Signature.....

DISTRIBUTION

13 Bde	1	IO	8
CO	2	War Diary	9
2ic	3	Handover File	10
B Coy	4	File	11
PO/PAS post Comd	5	Spares	12/13
HQ Coy	6		
QM	7		

SECRET

16 AUST INF BN(AIF) OI No3
Ref Map WAITAVALO 1/25000

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25 Jun 45

INFM

1. Enemy - see current sitreps
2. Own tps - No change

INTENTION

3. A Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) will hold def posns LITTLE MOOSE 624519 - CAKE 620522 - LITTLE CAKE 617522

METHOD

4. Dispositions

- (a) A Coy less 2 pls will hold LITTLE MOOSE 624519
- (b) One pl plus two dets morts will hold CAKE HILL 620522
- (c) One pl plus one Sd MMG will hold LITTLE CAKE 617522

5. Arty

- (a) Arty sp on call Coy Comd only by L/T to BnHQ
- (b) DF tasks as per Appx 'A' *(to follow)*

6. Morts

- (a) Sited at CAKE HILL 620522 to cover tasks as shown appx 'B'

7. MMG

Sited at LITTLE CAKE 617522

Role

- (a) Primary - close sp
- (b) Secondary low ground vicinity MOORE WILWUT RIVER to bridge. Also main road vicinity LONETREE and approaches LONETREE

8. Security

- (a) The posns will be occupied throughout the hours of darkness on the basis of 33 1/3% and with the maximum tps available during daylight.

- (b) 100% 'Stand to' will operate from
0500 hrs to 0600 hrs or
until all fronts have
been cleared.
1745 hrs to 1900 hrs

9. Patrols

- (a) The whole of the fronts of def posns will be cleared night and morning
- (b) Deep patrolling as ordered by BnHQ

10. Booby Traps

- (a) The use of grenades as booby traps is NOT permitted unless expressly authorized by BnHQ
- (b) Murray Switches with blank .303 Cartridges may be used and deloused daily

11. Black Out

Strict blackout will be maintained during hrs of darkness

11A "Fire Plan, Arty Mortar & MMG attached as Appx 'C'"
(See 01 No 1)

ADM

12. Arm Reserve

The following res arm will be held and maintained at posns -

Type	LITTLE CAKE	CAKE	LITTLE MOOSE
.303 bdr	1500	4280	9050
.303 ctn	1500	4292	
.303 Strip Belt	8000	-	-
9mm	1440	2300	3280
Gren Hand	96	61	48
Gren Rifle	12	12	12
63 Smoke		11	10
Mort 2in HE	36	204	54
Smoke	12	20	10
Sig Red	6	6	6
Green	6	6	6
Illum	6	6	6
Mort 3in HE		230	
" " SMO		29	

13. Supp

3 days res supp will be maintained at each post at all times

14. Water

2 gals res per man will be maintained at each post at all times

15. Hygiene

Post Comd will be responsible to inspect daily latrines; cock house and general hygiene measures applying in area

INTERCOMN

16. L/T

Bn HQ will maintain comn with posts

17. DE
see paras 5 & 6

18. Pass Words
To be promulgated to all ranks daily

ACK

Sgd N. S. FLETCHER Capt
Adjt

Method of Issue SDR

Time of Signature.....

Distribution

- 13 Bde 1
- CO 2
- 2ic 3
- X A Coy 171726K. RST17 4
- X Post Comd LITTLE CAKE JAI 5 171200k.
- X Post Comd CAKE DP101-171740K 6
- HQ Coy 7
- QM 8
- IO 9
- File 10
- War Diary 11
- Hand over file 12
- Spares 13 - 14

Appx. C issued to
 or A Coy (L. MOOSE) ✓ 21 July 45 (Capt Polun allowed)
 " (L. CAKE) ✓ " (Andrews)
 " (CAKE) ✓ " (Boyd)
 13 Bde " "
 Handover file " "
 File Copy " "
 HQ Coy " "

SECRET

Appx 'B' 25 Jun 45
 To 16 Aust Inf Bn OJs
 1 - 3

Ref Map : WAITAVALO 1:25,000

3" MORTAR DEF FORCE TASKS AND
 ZONE REGISTRATION

TASK NO.	FIRING PT	TASK	MAP REF	O.P.	CHARGE	RANGE	MTR BEARING	REMARKS
1	CAKE HILL (620522) 2 deta	RIVER BANK	612519	CAKE	2	1000	240° Mag	} Ranged by 28Bn Not Checked
2.		" "	614523	"	2	550	292° "	
3.		" "	617536	"	3	1600	343° "	Angle of Elevation 62°22"
4.		Track JUNC	620529	"	2	875	346° "	
5.		MOOSE	625519	L. MOOSE	1	650	106° "	Ranged by 28Bn. Not checked
6.		REF PT	625524	YOUNGS	1	500	19° "	Map Ref approx
8.		BACON	632522	KATHS	2	1400	80° "	Observation by sound direction
9.		LONE TREE	621517	YOUNGS	1	500	179° "	Not Registered
4.		YOUNGS (627519) 2 deta	TR JUNC	620529	CAKE	2	1350	308° "
7.	PERRYS		630519	YOUNGS	1	400	74° "	
8.	BACON		532522	KATHS	1	500	55° "	
9.	LONE TREE		621517	YOUNGS	2	1000	244° "	Not Registered
10.	NTH KATHS		633522	KATHS	1	650	55° "	
11.	NTH LAMSHED		637522	LAMSHED	2	1100	66° "	
14.	REF PT		629522	YOUNGS	1	350	6° "	Map Ref approx
13.	"		621526	"	2	800	2° "	" " "
15.	"		621532	"	2	1500	316° "	" " "
16.	"		626532	"	2	1400	340° "	" " "
9.	BnHQ (637507) 2 deta	LONE TREE	621517	YOUNGS	4	2000	287° "	Emergency ops only
11.		NTH LAMSHED	633522	LAMSHED	3	1650	352° "	Angle elevation 61°
12.		S.E. "	639517	"	2	1100	9° "	Not Registered
14.		REF PT	629522	YOUNGS	3	1970	320° "	Angle Elevation 45°

FILE

16 AUST INF BN(AlF) OI No2

Ref Maps: WAITAVALO 1/25000

SECRET

Copy No 9

25 Jun 45

INTEN

1. Enemy see current sitreps
2. Own tps No change

INTENTION

3. C Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn(AlF) will hold def posns YOUNGS 627519 and KATHS HILLS 633519

METHOD

4. Dispositions
 - (a) C Coy less one pl, plus one sec MMG and two detts Morts will hold YOUNGS HILL 627519
 - (b) One pl (C Coy) will hold KATHS HILL 633519
5. Arty
 - (a) Arty sp on call Coy Comd only by L/T to BnHQ
 - (b) DF tasks as per appx 'A' *(to follow)*
6. Mortars
 - (a) to be sited to cover tasks as shown appx 'B'
7. MMG

Sec general area YOUNGS HILL

Role - close sp
8. Counter Attack

One pl YOUNGS will be prepared to counter attack KATHS HILL should one pl be dislodged from that feature
9. Security
 - (a) the posns will be occupied throughout the hours of darkness on the basis of 33 1/3% and with the maximum tps available during daylight
 - (b) 100% 'Stand to' will operate from
0500 hrs to 0600 hrs or until
all fronts have been
cleared
1745 hrs to 1900 hrs

10. Patrols

(a) The whole of the fronts of def posns will be cleared night and morning.

(c) Deep patrolling as ordered by Bn HQ.

11. Booby Traps

(a) The use of grenades as booby traps is NOT permitted unless expressly authorized by Bn HQ.

(b) Murray Switches with blank .303 cartridges may be used and disused daily

12. Black Out

strict blackout will be maintained during hrs of darkness. No fires between 1745 hrs and 0530 hrs.

12 A "Fire Plan, Arty Mortar & MMG attached as appendix 'C'" (see 01 Nov)

ADM

13. Arm Reserve

The following res emn will be held and maintained at posns :-

Type	YOUNGS	KATHS
.303 bdr	9000	3000
" ctn	4992	1248
" belt (Stripless)	8000	-
9mm	6400	3200
Gren Hand	168	96
" Rifle	72	24
" 63 smoke	15	-
Mort 2in HE	108	36
" " Smoke	18	18
Sig Cart Red	6	6
" " Green	6	6
" " Illum	6	6
Mort 3" HE	274	-
" " SMO	30	-

14. Supps

3 days reserve supps will be maintained at each post at all times

15. Water

2 gals reserve per man will be maintained at each post at all times

16. Hygiene

Post Comd will be responsible to inspect daily latrines; cook house and general hygiene measures applying in area

INTERCOMN

17. L/T

Bn HQ will maintain comn with posts

18. DE

See paras 5 & 6

19. Pass word

To be promulgated to all ranks daily

ACK

Sgd N.S. FLETCHER Capt
Adjt

Method of Issue SDR

Time of Signature.....

DISTRIBUTION

13 Bde	1
CO	2
2ic	3
C Coy	4
Post Comd KAMIS	5
HQ Coy	6
QM	7
IO	8
File	9
War Diary	10
Hand over file	11
spares	12-13

3 Appx C issued

C Coy	21 July 45	} (By Howard Lt Ferguson)
KAMIS	21 July 45	
13 Bde	"	
Hand over file	"	
File	"	
HQ Coy	"	
IO,	28/7/45	

Ref Map : WAITAVALO 1:25,000

3" MORTAR DEF FORCE TASKS AND
ZONE REGISTRATION

SECRET

Appx 'B' 25 Jun 45
To 16 Aust Inf Bn OI's
1 - 3

TASK NO.	FIRING PT	TASK	MAP REF	O.P.	CHARGE	RANGE	MTR. BEARING	REMARKS
1	CAKE HILL (620522) 2 deta	RIVER BANK	612519	CAKE	2	1000	240° Mag	} Ranged by 28Bn Not Checked
2.		" "	614523	"	2	550	292° "	
3.		" "	617536	"	3	1600	343° "	Angle of Elevation 62°22"
4.		Track JUNG	620529	"	2	875	346° "	
5.		MOOSE	625519	L. MOOSE	1	650	106° "	Ranged by 28Bn. Not checked
6.		REF PT	625524	YOUNGS	1	500	19° "	Map Ref approx
8.		BACON	632522	KATHS	2	1400	80° "	Observation by sound direction
9.		LONE TREE	621517	YOUNGS	1	500	179° "	Not Registered
4.		YOUNGS (627519) 2 deta	TR JUNG	620529	CAKE	2	1350	308° "
7.	PERRYS		630519	YOUNGS	1	400	74° "	
8.	BACON		532522	KATHS	1	500	55° "	
9.	LONE TREE		621517	YOUNGS	2	1000	244° "	Not Registered
10.	NTH KATHS		633522	KATHS	1	650	55° "	
11.	NTH LAMSHED		637522	LAMSHED	2	1100	66° "	
14	REF PT		629522	YOUNGS	1	350	6° "	Map Ref approx
13	"		621526	"	2	800	20° "	" " "
15.	"		621532	"	2	1500	316° "	" " "
16.	"		626532	"	2	1400	340° "	" " "
9.	BnHQ (637507) 2 deta	LONE TREE	621517	YOUNGS	4	2000	287° "	Emergency ops only
11.		NTH LAMSHED	633522	LAMSHED	3	1650	352° "	Angle elevation 61°
12.		S.E. "	639517	"	2	1100	9° "	Not Registered
14.		REF PT	629522	YOUNGS	3	1970	320° "	Angle Elevation 45°

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16 AUST INF BN (ALF) OF No 1

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Ref Map : WAITAVALO 1/25000

25 Jun 45

INFM

1. Enemy - see current sitreps
2. Own tps - no change

INTENTION

3. D Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn will hold def posns LAMBHED feature 637519

METHOD

4. Dispositions
Coy will be sited for all round def
5. Arty
 - (a) Arty sp on call Coy Comd only by L/T to BnHQ
 - (b) DF tasks as per Appx 'A' (to follow)
6. Mortars
 - (a) Mortar sp on call to Bn HQ by L/T
 - (b) Mortar tasks as per Appx 'B' att.
7. Security
 - (a) The posns will be occupied throughout the hours of darkness on the basis of 33 1/3% and with the maximum available during daylight
 - (b) 100% 'Stand to' will operate from
0500 hrs to 0600 hrs or until
all fronts have been cleared
1745 hrs to 1900 hrs
8. Patrols
 - (a) The whole of the Coy front will be cleared every night and morning.
 - (b) Deep patrolling as ordered by Bn HQ
9. Booby Traps
 - (a) The use of grenades as booby traps is NOT permitted unless expressly authorized by Bn HQ.
 - (b) Murray Switches with blank .303 cartridges may be used and deloused by day.

10. Black Out

Strict black out will be maintained during hrs of darkness. No fires between 1745K and 0530K

10A "Fire Plan, Arty Mortar & MMG attached as appendix 'C'"

ADM

11. Arm Reserve

.303	bdr	5000	Gren Rifle	36
.303	ctn	10500	63 Smoke	15
9mm		7000	Sig Red	6
Mort	2in		Sig Green	6
	HE	108	Sig Illum	6
	Smoke	18		
Gren Hand		400		

12. Supps

3 days sup. will be maintained at the post at all times

13. Water

2 gals reserve per man will be maintained at the post at all times.

14. Hygiene

Coy Comd will be responsible to inspect daily, latrines; cook house; and gen hygiene measures applying to area.

INTERCOMN

15. L/T

Bn HQ will maintain comn with post

16. DF

see paras 5 & 6

17. Pass Word

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(Sgt) N.S. FLETCHER Capt
Adj't

Method of Issue SDR

Time of Signature 251200K

Distribution

13 Bde	1	HQ Coy	5
CO	2	QM	6
2ic	3	IO	7
D Coy	4	File	8
War Dairy	9	Handover File	10
		spares	11/12

D Coy: *[Signature]*

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*Appx C issued
D Coy 21 July 41
13 Bde
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3" MORTAR DEF FORCE TASKS AND
ZONE REGISTRATION

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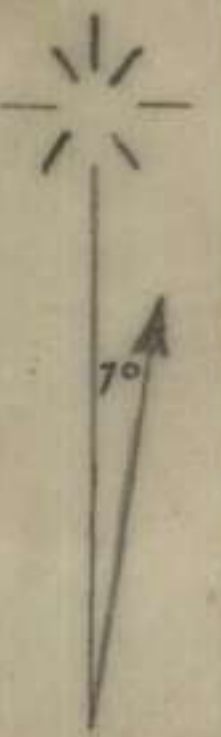
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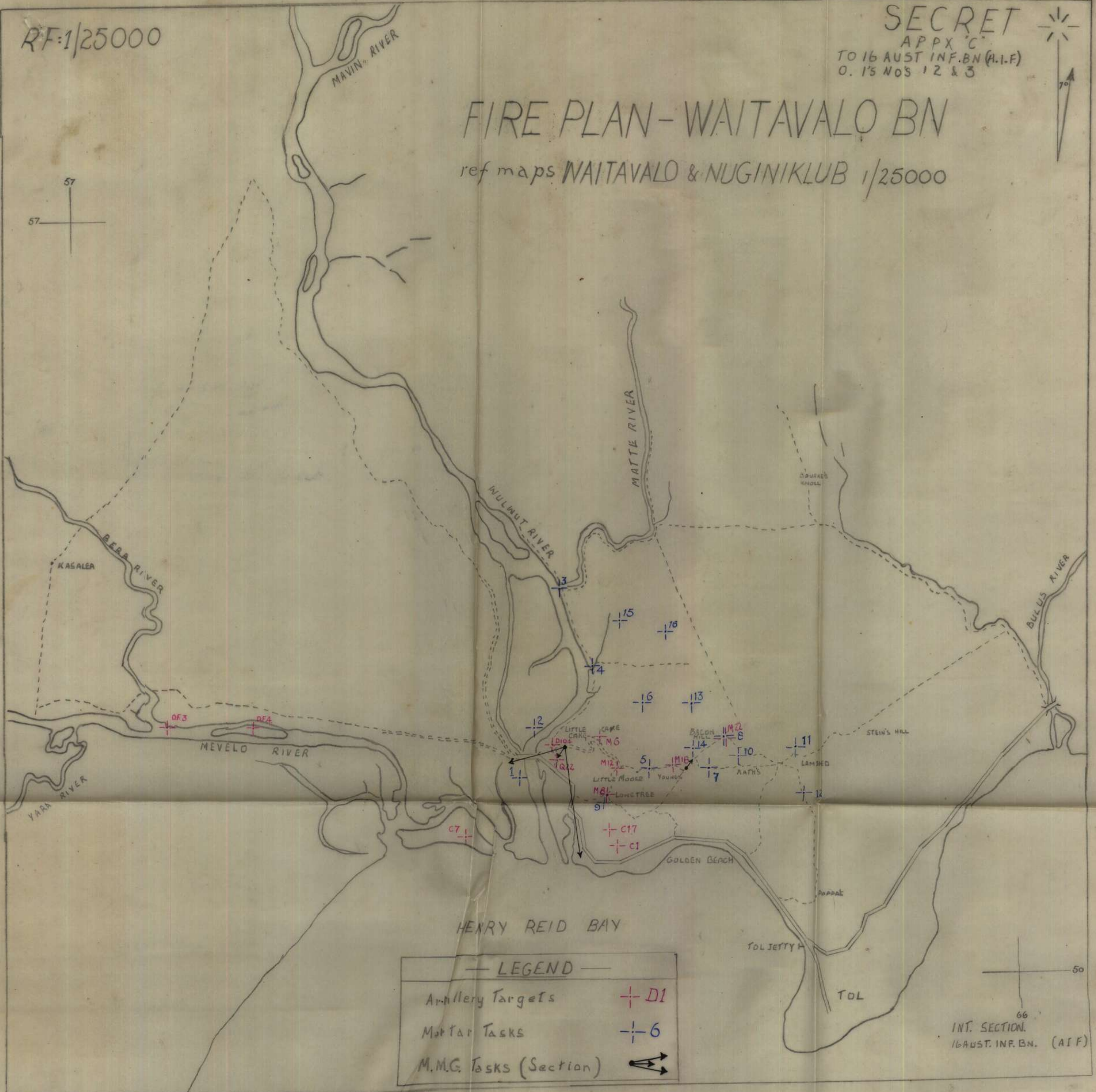
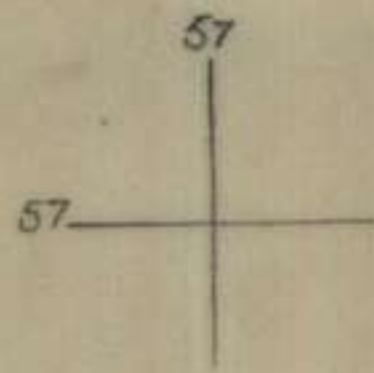
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APPX 'C'
TO 16 AUST INF. BN (A.I.F)
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FIRE PLAN - WAITAVALO BN

ref maps WAITAVALO & NUGINIKLUB 1/25000



— LEGEND —	
Artillery Targets	+ D1
Mortar Tasks	+ 6
M.M.G. Tasks (Section)	→

INT. SECTION.
16 AUST. INF. BN. (A.I.F)

MESSAGE FORM

Register No.

Call	Ser. No.	Priority	Transmission Instructions
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ABOVE THIS LINE FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY

FROM (A) <i>Bn HQ</i> <small>Originator</small>	<small>Date—Time of Origin</small>	<small>Office Date Stamp</small>
<small>For Action</small>		<small>Message Instructions</small> GR
TO <i>A B C D HQ Coys.</i> <small>(w) For Information (INFO.)</small>		
<i>10. QM. RMO</i>		

ORIGINATOR'S No. *0496 Secret* 15 PL plus 1 Sig 1 SB ex C Coy move from LITTLE MOOSE to KATHS 250800K 14 PL less attachments move from CAKE to YOUNGS 260800K 1 A Coy provide Offr and Sec take over stores hold CAKE pending arrival 9 PL 9 PL move from WULWUT to CAKE 261400K 8 PL less MMG & MORT move from LONETREE to LITTLE MOOSE 260800K 1 One Sec MMG two det's MORTS ex 8 PL move from LONETREE to YOUNGS 260800K 1 HQ C Coy and 13 PL move from LITTLE MOOSE to YOUNGS 270800K 1 HQ A Coy move from LITTLE CAKE to LITTLE MOOSE 270800K

This message may be sent AS WRITTEN by any means except { } Wireless	If liable to be intercepted or fall into enemy hands, this message must be sent IN CIPHER <i>M. H. ...</i> Signed	Originator's Instructions Degree of Priority	Time	System	Op
			THI or TOR		
Signed			Time Cleared		

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<small>For Action</small>		
TO <i>A. B. Coy - 9 PL WULWUT - 11 PL POPPAS</i> <small>(w) For Information (INFO.)</small>		<small>Message Instructions</small> GR
<i>AM. 10. HQ RMO</i>		

ORIGINATOR'S No.

0495 Secret ○ 11 PL will be relieved

responsibility POPPAS by 28 BN by 251200K and will return
 BnHQ Area night 25/26 JUN ○ Stores handed over as mutually
 arranged by UNIT QMs ○ 11 PL move to WULWUT area
 260730K Take over from 9 PL ○ Pers attached 9 PL come under
 Comd 11 PL at time of change over ○ Stores handed over in situ ○
 9 PL move to CAKE HILL direct from WULWUT area and take over
 from 14 PL ○ 14 PL attached pers come under comd 9 PL at
 change over ○ Change over complete by 261600K ○ 14 PL
 move to YOUNGS immediately take over by 9 PL complete.

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16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Amendment 0016

1. The following amendments to 0016 will be made and take effect from 251200K Jun 45.

2. Delete : para 6 - Def Localities.

Insert : para 6 - Def Localities

- (a) LAMSHED 633519 One Coy
- (b) YOUNGS 627519 - Coy less one pl
KATHS 633518 plus one sec MMG
and two dets Mort -
YOUNGS
One pl - KATHS
- (c) MOOSE 625519 - Coy less two pls
CAKE 622522 LITTLE MOOSE *plus two det*
LONETREE 621518 HIGH One pl - CAKE *marks*
GROUND (LITTLE CAKE) One pl plus one sec
646522 to WILWUT MMG and two dets
RIVER MORTS - LITTLE
CAKE

3. Delete : para 7 - Standing Patrol

Insert : para 7 - Standing Patrol

- (a) Standing Patrol, str one pl will be maintained at Track June 589557
- (b) One sec Standing Patrol BACON HILL 632521 to be posted during hours of daylight.

ACK:

Sgd N.S. FLETCHER Capt
N.S. FLETCHER Adjt

Time of signature..... *25/6/45*

Method of Issue SDR

DISTRIBUTION

13 Bde	1	C Coy	7	TO	12	Spares	
Comd	2	D Coy	8	QM	13		17-18
2ic/Adjt	3-4	HQ Coy	9	RMO	14		
A Coy	5	IO	10	FILE	15		
B Coy	6	War Diary	11	Hand over			
				File	16		

16 AUST INF BN (AIF) OO NO 16

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Ref Maps WAITAVALO 1/25000
MUGINIKLUB 1/25000

18 Jun 45

INFM

1. Enemy - See current sitreps
2. Own Tps - No change
3. Nomenclature - The feature running EAST-WEST through STEINS HILL 645523 LAMSHLD 638519 and CAKE HILL 622522 will hereafter be referred to a WAITAVALO feature and the inf bn disposed in that area as WAITAVALO BN.

INTENTION

4. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will hold WAITAVALO feature.

METHOD

5. Bndys - Excl BULUS RIVER to incl WUIWUT RIVER to KASALEA 567538.
6. Def Localities - Localities will be occupied as under -

- | | | |
|-----|----------------------------|--|
| (a) | POPAS HILL 641508 | One Pl |
| (b) | LAMSHLD | One Coy |
| (c) | CAKE-LITTLE MOOSE-LONETREE | One Coy plus one pl one sec MMG and four dets Morts. |
| (d) | LITTLE CAKE - 617522 | One Coy less two pls plus one sec MMG. |

7. Standing Patrol - Standing patrol of one pl str will be est vicinity WUIWUT RIVER 589559

8. Arty - 2/14 Aust Fd Regt in sp. See Fire Table appx 'A'

9. Tk A - Role beach def
 one sec 2 pr Tk A guns 653513
 Right of arc : TOL coast at 652504
 Left of arc : MOONDEI RIVER 676518
 one sec 2 pr Tk A guns - res -
 Bn HQ Rear.

See air and ground 24 June 45

10. Patrols Normal security patrols.

Patrol fwd between bndys to depth as detailed by Bn HQ to ensure early warning of enemy approach. All patrols will aggressively seize every opportunity to ambush and destroy all enemy encountered.

11. Observation OP on HIGH GROUND sq 6056 will be est under Bn direction.

12. CWPs Est 653513 and maintained by Tk A pl

Constant observation will be maintained by day and night and report of any sea mov, attempted landings, lights at night considered to be originated from unnatural ceases.

See 16 Bn OO No 14.

ADM

13. See separate OIs for def localities.

INTERCOMN

14. L T

- (a) Bde line responsibility
Bde to unit and Bde to CWPs.
- (b) Other arteries unit responsibility

ACK

(Signed) N. S. FLETCHER Capt

Adjt

Time of Signature.....

Method of Issue SDR

DISTRIBUTION

13 Bde	1
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ARTY

Def Fire TasksRegimental Targets

Target No	Firing Pt	Area	Map Ref
M 38	Sqs 6449 6450	Track to bank MOONDEI River	689531
M 39	" "	JAP VILLAGE	686528
M 40	" "	HIGH GROUND MARUPA GARDENS	688519
M 41	" "	TRACK Junc EAST of MARUPA	686518
M 42	" "	MARUPA perimeter	682516
M 43	" "	MARUPA GARDENS	682514
M 44	" "	MARUPA PICKET STA	684513
M 45	" "	COAST Pt	688513
M 46	" "	Mouth of INIKA RIVER	708518
M 47	" "	SOUTH of COAST Track	729508
M 48	" "	NORTH of COAST Track	731509 & 730507
M 49	" "	HIGH FEATURE	738505
M 50	" "	UMAMITKI RIVER X	763503
M 51	" "	EAST of UMAMITKI RIVER	763502
M 52	" "	COAST Track	763503
M 53	" "	BULUS RIVER and Track	665537
M 54	" "	JAP VILLAGE	689536

Target No	Firing Pt	AREA	Map Ref
M 4	Sqs 6449 6450	YOUNGS HILL	629522
M 2	" "	YOUNGS HILL	629520
M 18	" "	EAST of CAKE HILL	627523
M 12	" "	WEST CAKE HILL	621521
D 22	" "	WULWUT RIVER Track June	619532
C 1	" "	Track June WULWUT RIVER Mouth	619512
D 8	" "	Track June WULWUT RIVER	618523
D 16	" "	Track June WULWUT RIVER	617524
D 2	" "	WEST Bank WULWUT RIVER	614525
D 104	" "	WEST Bank WULWUT RIVER	613523
C 7	" "	MEVELO RIVER Mouth	609511
DF 4	" "	MEVELO RIVER X	585523
DF 3	" "	MEVELO RIVER X	579524
P 104	" "	KASALEA - WULWUT Track	575546

16 Bn OI No 15.

SECRET.

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ref maps WAITAVALO and NUGINI KLB 1:25000 16 Jun 45

INFORMATION 1. ENEMY - see current SITREPS.

2. OWN TPS - 16 Bn WAITAVALO area.

11 Bn BULUS area.

2/2 Cdo Sqn LAMARIEN.

INTENTION 3. 9 pl will move to vicinity 588559 and est STANDING PATROL astride track KAMA-KASALEA, to give warning of ENEMY movement.

METHOD 4. TPS - 9 pl + 2 sigs + 1 Int + 1 SB + 1 cook.

5. START PT. - ACoy 646507.

6. ROUTE - NW along main rd to WOLWUT BR (614521) to SAWMILL thence NORTH and NW to objective.

7. PATROLLING POLICY. - one sec will patrol each day, - orders will be issued daily.

8. START TIME. 18 Jun, - time to be advised.

9. ACTION ON CONTACT. - To be advised by BnHQ.

ADM

10. AMN - normal

11. RATIONS details already given.

12. TPT. " " "

INTERCOMM. 13. 108 MK3.

14. L/T. - details later.

15. PIGEONS. - Four tube delivered 180645K.

16. SITREPS. - to be fwd 0600, 1200, 1800 hrs daily.

17. BN HQ. closes present location 180900K, and reopens 637507 same time.

issued by
signed at.

 Capt
ADJT 16 Bn.

FILE

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

00 No 14

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8 Jun 45

Ref MAP : WAITAVALO - 1:25000

INFM :

1. Enemy.

see current 5 Aust Div Summaries.

2. Own Tps.

No change.

3. 13 Bde Comds Appreciation.

Large scale attack by the enemy from the sea is NOT considered likely, but small raiding parties, prepared to sacrifice landing craft, might be used to land tps to destroy HQ installations, Arty eqpt, wharf or dumps.

4. Task in General.

Coast Watching Posts will be manned by units of the Bde Gp, to ensure complete observation by day and timely warning by night.

INTENTION:

5. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will est and maintain CWP No2 at 653513 vicinity. unit Tk/A gun posns.

METHOD:

6. Tps.

The coy next for Bn duties will detail 1 cpl and 6 ORs to mount post 1645 hrs daily.

7. Tour of Duty.

1 cpl and 6 ORs will maintain the post throughout hours of darkness - that is from 1645 to 0600 daily. From 0600 till 1645 the post will be maintained by the cpl and 2 ORs only, the remaining 4 ORs returning to coy lines.

8. Task.

To maintain constant observation and report und headings given below details of :-

By Day

- (i) all craft whether identified or NOT which approach from the EAST.
- (ii) all craft whether identified or NOT proceeding NORTH and NOT on a course to enter WIDE BAY.
- (iii) all unidentified craft.

By Night.

- (iv) all craft observed on which previous infm was NOT available.
- (v) any surface attempts of enemy to land craft or pers on any posn of the coast.
- (vi) any lights originated from unnatural courses.

9. Reporting.

All sightings as detailed above will be reported IMMEDIATELY, to duty Ofcr 13 Aust Inf Bde Gp.

10. Form of Record and Reporting

- (i) A register will be maintained for recording sightings and will be ruled as follows :

OVER.....

Form of Record and Reporting (Contd)

Date _____
 Time _____
 Designation of Post - GIAY
 Type of craft _____
 Bearing from Post _____
 Estimated distance from Post _____
 Direction of movement _____
 Any relevant infm (rate of mov change of course, etc)

(11) Reporting to 13 Bde will be in the sequence as outlined for the register.

ADM : 11. Stores.

Cpl of patrol will be supplied with 1 liquid compass and 1 pair of binoculars by the coy mounting patrol.

12. Tentage and stretcher.

1 14X12 tent will be provided and maintained in a posn adjacent to watching post.
7 stretchers will also be provided for pers of the patrol.

13. Rations.

Patrol will have hot meal before mounting and will carry hard rations for pers remaining on duty throughout daylight hours.

14. Tpt.

1 jeep and trailer will report each evening at 1630 hrs for the purpose of conveying pers sleeping gear - mosquito nets, etc, to post.

15. Weapons.

(a) Patrol weapons will consist of :

- 1 LMG
- 2 OSMGs
- 6 Rifles.

(b) Magazines of rifles will be charged with 10 rds, rifles will NOT be loaded.

(c) Magazines of LMG and OSMGs will not be placed in posn on guns but will be carried separately.

16. AMM

- (a) Each rifleman will carry bandolier of 50 rds SAA.
- (b) Patrol will carry 8 filled magazines for Bren
- (c) Each OSM Gunner will carry 240 rds 9mm (six magazines filled, balance bulk.)

17. Water.

Patrol Comd will ensure that adequate water is taken for use of patrol.

18. Hygiene.

- (a) A fly proof latrine will be constructed and inspected regularly by unit Hygiene Sjt. The patrol Comd is responsible for maintaining the area and latrine in a clean and hygiene condition.
- (b) All ~~traps~~ and waste will be burnt and buried daily.

INTERCOMN:

19. L/T.

13 Bde sig sec will maintain direct line from

.....over

INTERCOMN (Contd)

post to Bde HQ.

patrol Comd will take over from out going comd
telephone set which will be supplied by unit.

ACK

(sgd) N. B. FLETCHER

Capt.

Time of Signature.....

N. S. FLETCHER
Adj. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

Issued by SDR

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HQ Coy	10
IO	11
War Diary	12
TO	13
QM	14
RMO	15
File	16
Spares	17-18.

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9 June 45.

16 ASST INF BN (AIF).

Amendmenta.

OO No 13.

1. Para 6 (b) - Delete.

Insert :- Two posts will be maintained throughout the tour of duty and will be mounted by double sentries.

(i). Post I. - Beach end of TOL WHARF. One sentry will at all times be on guard at beach end of wharf. Second sentry will patrol from the beach end to the sea end of wharf.

(ii). Post II. - Area Piguet. Sentries will patrol the pl area, moving between the sea posts.

2. Para 10 (a) - Delete.

Insert :- Pl will carry tents shelter halves to be erected in the vicinity of each sea post within the pl area. Tents will be dismantled each morning and stakes used pulled up and stacked neatly in area. Pl comd should ascertain if sufficient stakes are available for the erection of shelters and, if not, make necessary provision before mounting guard.

Amendment to -

Mounting procedure - TOL Wharf Guard.

Para 4 (d) (iv) - Delete.

Distribution :-

2 1/2 / Sgt.

A Coy

B "

C "

D "

HQ "

RSM.

File.

signed - H.S.FLETCHER. Capt.

2	A	<i>Amuse</i>
3	B	<i>Board of</i>
4	C	<i>Board</i>
5	D	<i>a wryt of pl</i>
6	HQ	<i>H. Blackman</i>
7	RSM	<i>Board No 1</i>
8	FILE	

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Ref Map WAITAVALO -- 1:25000

INFM

- 1. Enemy -- Current sitreps.
- 2. Own Tps 4 11 Bn BULUS Area
28 Bn WULWUT-WAITAVALO
16 Bn Reserve.

INTENTION

- 3. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide defence of TOL Wharf.

METHOD

- 4. Tps Bn duty coy for day will provide one pl str not less than 1 Offr and 18 ORs.

- 5. Weapons Pl weapons less 2" mortar

6. Task

(a) The main task is to prevent enemy sabotage action on the TOL WHARF by sea or land during the hours of darkness.

~~(b) Three sentry posts will be maintained throughout the tour of duty and will be mounted by double sentries.~~

- ~~(1) Post 1 end of TOL Wharf~~
- ~~(2) Post 2 Beach end of TOL WHARF~~
- ~~(3) Post 3 Pl Biv area~~

(c) sentries will perform the normal duties of sentries and will prevent all pers other than those properly authorised from approaching the WHARF. The wharf is a prohibited area from 1700 hrs to 0600 hrs daily and no pers unless authorised is permitted on or in the vicinity of the wharf during prohibited hours.

7. Tour Of Duty.

Guard will mount at the entrance to wharf at 1700 hrs and dismount at 0600 hrs.

8. Movement

Tpt will report coy lines 1630 hrs daily to convey pl to wharf area. Tpt will also report wharf area 0600 hrs to return pl to coy lines.

9. Rations

Each man will carry one days ration together with emergency ration A3.

10. Stores

~~(a) Pl will carry tents shelter halves to be erected in the vicinity of road junction, wharf road, and main WULWUT-BULUS road. Tents will be dismantled each morning and stakes used pulled up and stacked neatly in the area. Pl Comd should ascertain if sufficient stakes are available for the erection of shelters and if not make necessary provision before mounting guard.~~

(b) In addition to normal requirements each man will carry :

ARM

Stores contd

- (i) Mosquito net
- (ii) stretcher
- (iii) Atebrin and mosquito lotion.

11. Arms

- (a) Each Rifleman will carry bandolier of 50 rds SAA
- (b) Eight filled magazines will be carried for each Bren gun
- (c) Each OSM gunner will carry 240 rds 9mm (six magazines filled, balance bulk)

INTERCOMN

12 (a) L/T comm will be available at Fd Coy in vicinity of wharf area.

(sgd) N. S. FLETCHER Capt
Adjnt. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

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DISTRIBUTION

13 Bde	1
CO/2ic	2-3
Adjnt, IO	4-5
QM	6
A Coy	7
B Coy	8
C Coy	9
D Coy	10
HQ Coy	11
War Diary	12
File	13
Spare	14-15

Note: Rifle mags will be changed with 10 rds but the rifles will NOT be loaded. Mags of OSM's & guns will NOT be placed in position on the guns but will be carried separately.

MJD Mithu Capt.

No	ISSUED TO	SIGNATURE	No	ISSUED TO	SIGNATURE
1	1303ae	<i>SPS</i>	8	B	<i>Johnston Capt.</i>
2	CO	✓	9	C	<i>W. Gardner</i>
3	2IC	✓	10	D	<i>W. M. Light</i>
4	ADJ	✓	11	HQ	<i>F. H. ...</i>
5	IO.	<i>...</i>	12	War Diary	<i>...</i>
6	QM.	<i>...</i>	13	FILE	<i>W. H. ...</i>
7	A	<i>...</i>	14	RSM.	✓

16 Aust Coy B (AIF)

SECRET

OO No 12

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Ref Maps MEVELO & CAPE TURNER - 1-63360

Inform

1. Enemy

Current Sitrep

2. Surv Ops

11 B. BULUSANEA
28 B. WOLWUT WAIWALLO
10 B. Reserve

Intention

3. 16 B. will provide protection for
13 Bde party moving to
POST 2 on Cross Island Track

Method

4. Ips

Delay will provide 1 Sec, str
1 ACU & 8 OKs

5. Task

Provide protection for 13 Bde AM(L)
party proceeding to CROSS ISLAND
POST 2.

6. Timings

(a) See time report 13M(L) 13 Bde
030645K

(b) Ips will report by area
030630K for move of pers to
13 Bde Beach.

(c) See message to return 101700K.

Adm

7. Return

(a) One days return together with
Emergency Return A30 will be carried.
(b) Further return provided at
A30 54 37 2.

8. Medical

Medical supplies are available
at each PM.

Intercomm

9 W.T. Comm available at each
port.
Between ports - Rumour.

M. J. ...
Capt.

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Distribution

1 Coy. ... Capt.

CO
21C ... abg

10 ... Sgt for 10.

AM ... Capt.

Capt.

SECRET

16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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29 May 45

OO No 11

Ref maps: MEVELO + CAPE TURNER

1/63360.

Infms.

- 1 Enemy Current Sitings
- 2 Owns - 11 Bn BULUS Area
28 Bn WULWUT-WAITAVALO Area
16 Bn Reserve.

Intention.

- 3 16 Bn will provide protection for native train on cross Island track.

Method.

4. Ips
Lt. Head, & 2 PL will provide protection for native train departing GOLDEN BEACH. 310645 K.

5 Groups

- Gp(1) Lt. Head, Burtinans & Ordely.
 (2) one sec 2 PL - 1 NCO + 7 O/Rs
 (3) one sec 2 " - 1 NCO + 7 O/Rs
 (4) one sec 2 " - 1 NCO + 7 O/Rs.

6 Tasks

- Gp(1) will accompany native train to Post 3.
 Gp(2) will provide protection for native train moving to & from Post 5.
 Gp(3) will provide protection for native train moving to & from Post 4.
 Gp(4) will provide protection for native train moving to & from Post 3.

7 Timings

- (a) all Gps will report BEACH MASTER GOLDEN BEACH 310645 K. K.
- (b) Ips will report HQ Coy area 310600 for mes of pers to GOLDEN BEACH.

8 Movement

Serial	Date	Gp	From	Destination	ETA	Remarks
1	MAY 31	1	TOL	POST 5	1530K	Bid night 31 May/1 June " " "
		2	"	"		
		3	"	"		
		4	"	"		
2	JUN 1	1	POST 5	POST 4	1500K	Bid night 1/2 June " Bid night 1/2 June Bid night 1/2 "
		2	"	TOL	1530	
		3	"	POST 4	1500K	
		4	"	POST 4	1500K	
3	JUN 2	1	POST 4	POST 3	1500K	Bid night 2/3 June " Bid night 2/3 June
		3	"	TOL	1530K	
		4	"	POST 3	1500K	
4	JUN 3	1	POST 3	POST 4	1500K	Bid night 3/4 June " " 3/4 June
		4	"	" 4	1500K	
5	JUN 4	1	POST 4	TOL	1530K	_____ _____
		4	"	TOL	1530K	

Admin

9. Stores

(a)

Anti Shells, helmets, acid to be tried
 up in Gp bundles & labelled
 with the destination of the Gp
 delivered to 219 30 1200K.

219 by

10 Rations

- (a) All Gps will carry one days ration
 and the main in addition to emergency
 ration A 3.
- (b) Further rationing provided by each
 post en route.

11 Med

Medical supplies are available at
each port.

Intelligence

12 W/T

W/T Comy available at each
port. Between ports runner.

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M J Walsh
Asst. Band Sgt. (RAF)

Distribution

HQ Coy	Ysh.
Lt Woods	M Woods
CO	
2IC	W. Woods
10	Woods
QM.	Ysh.
Asst.	M J

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

O. O. No 10

SECRET

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Ref Map - WAITAVALO 1/25000

INFM

- 1. Enemy See Current sitreps
- 2. Own Tps 11 Bn BULUS AREA
28 Bn WULWUT - WAITAVALO AREA
16 Bn Reserve.

INTENTION

- 3. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will provide patrol on WAITAVALO feature.

METHOD

- 4. Tps
Bn Duty Coy for day will provide one sec str
1 NCO & 8 ORs.

5. Weapons

Weapons carried by patrols

- (a) 1 LMG
- (b) 2 OSMGs
- (c) 1 Discharger Cup
- (d) 6 Rifles
- (e) Grenades No 36 4 sec - 2 per man

6. Task

The Patrol Comd will report to Bn IO at 1100 hrs the day before for briefing.

7. Rations

- (a) Each man will carry one days ration together with Emergency Ration A3

8. Stores

- (a) Patrol Comd will carry liquid compass
- (b) Each man will be equipped with one machette
- (c) In addition to normal requirements each man will carry -
 - (i) Mosquito net
 - (ii) Atebrin & Mosquito repellent lotion

9. AMM

- (a) Each rifleman will carry bandolier of 50 rds SAA
- (b) Sec will carry 8 filled mags for Bren
- (c) Each OSM gunner will carry 240 rds 9MM (six mags filled, balance bulk)

INTERCOMM

- 10. Comm will be by runner.

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Sgd. N.S. FLETCHER Capt
Adjt

Distribution

13 Bde	1	D Coy	10
CO, 21c	2-3	HQ "	11
Adjt, IO	4-5	War Diary	12
QM	6	File	13
A Coy	7	Spare	14-15
B "	8		
C "	9		

File

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PSM

A

B

C

D

HQ

IO

ADM

QM

Adj

File

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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Ref Map WAITAVALO - 1/25000

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27c
advt
of advt
RSM

INFM

- 1. Enemy - Current sitreps
- 2. Own Tps - 11 Bn BULUS AREA
28 Bn WULWUT - WAITAVALO AREA
16 Bn Reserve.

INTENTION

- 3. 16 Bn will provide standing patrol vicinity 647513

METHOD

- 4. Tps Bn Duty Coy for day will provide one pl, str 1 offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls and 25 ORs incl 1 sig total 30, All ranks as standing patrol vicinity 647513.

- 5. Weapons carried/will consist of
by pl

- (a) 1 LMG Bren per sec
- (b) 2 OSMG " "
- (c) 1 Discharger Cup per sec
- (d) Grenades No 36 4 sec - 2 per man.
- (e) 6 rifles per sec.

6. Task

Est standing patrol vicinity track junc 647513 as detailed by IO.

7. Duration

Patrol will be in posn 1700 hrs daily and will maintain the patrol until daily sec patrol passes through at approx 0700 hrs daily.

8. Duty

The patrol comd will report to IO at 1100 hrs for briefing. 100% "stand to" will be carried out from dusk until darkness each evening and from 0500 till 0600 each morning. security Patrols will clear the entire fronts before "standing Down" each morning.

33% of each sec will be on duty throughout the full period of the patrol.

ADM

9. Rations

- (a) patrol will have evening meal before move out and breakfast upon return to camp.
- (b) One days rations together with Emergency ration A3 will be carried on the man.

10. stores

- (a) Each man will carry in addition to normal requirements
 - (i) Tent shelter half.
 - (ii) Stretcher top.
 - (iii) Mosquito Net
 - (iv) Atebrin and mosquito repellent lotion
 - (v) Gas cape
- (b) Each sec will be equipped with at least three machettes.

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B	<i>[Signature]</i>
C	<i>[Signature]</i>
D	<i>[Signature]</i>
HQ	<i>[Signature]</i>
IO	<i>[Signature]</i>
QM	<i>[Signature]</i>
RSM	<i>[Signature]</i>

ADM (Cont)

11. Amn

- (a) Each rifleman will carry bandolier of 50 rds SAA
- (b) Each Sec will carry 8 filled mags for bren.
- (c) Each OSM gunner will carry 240 rds 9MM (six mags filled balance bulk)

INTERCOMN

12. L/T

- (a) Sig Offr will arrange for the laying and maintaining of a patrol line from Bn to the extremity of the patrol locality.
- (b) In the event of the patrol being sited other than at the extreme limit of the wire, particular care will be taken to ensure that the wire forward is cut.
- (c) Routine calls to be made to Bn Int sec -

- (i) When patrol is in position.
- (ii) Report standing to evening
- (iii) " stand Down in evening
- (iv) " stand to morning
- (v) " stand Down in morning
- (vi) " When sec patrol passes through.

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Sgd. N. S. FLETCHER Capt.
Adjt.

Distribution

13 Bde	1
CO, 2ic	2-3
Adjt, IO	4-5
QM	6
A Coy	7
B "	8
C "	9
D "	10
HQ "	11
War Diary	12
File	13
Spare	14-15

16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
O.O. No 8

SECRET

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23 May 45

Ref maps.

MEVELO & CAPE TURNER

1. 63360

Input

1. Enemy current set-ups
2. Own Gps D Coy less Coy HQ & 2 Pls
will provide protection native
train to Post 3

Intention

3. 18 Pl will provide protection for
Native train departing Golden Beach
24 May 45.

Method

4. Groups

- (1) Lt Stewart Pitman & Bullocky.
- (2) One Sec 18 Pl str 1 NCO & 8 Pls.
- (3) One Sec 18 Pl str 1 NCO & 8 Pls.
- (4) One Sec 18 Pl str 1 NCO & 8 Pls.

5. Tasks

Group (4) will accompany 18 Pl to
Post 3 23 May 45

Group (2) will provide protection for native
train moving to & from Post 5.

Group (3) will provide protection for native
train moving to & from Post 4.

Group (4) will provide protection for native
train moving to & from Post 3.

6. Times of Reporting

(a) All groups will report BEACH MASTER
GOLDEN BEACH 240645 K.

(b) Sgt will report D Coy area 240600 K
for move of per to GOLDEN BEACH.

Movement.

Serial	Date	Sp	Name	Destination	ETA	
1	MAY 24	1	TOL	POST 5	1530K	Biv night 24/25 MAY
		2		"	1530K	Return TOL 25 MAY
		3		"	1530K	Biv night 24/25 MAY
		4		"	1530K	Biv night 24/25 MAY
2	MAY 25	1	Post 5	Post 4	1530K	Biv night 25/26 MAY
		2	"	"	1530K	Return Post 4 26 MAY
		3	"	"	1530K	Biv night 25/26 MAY
3	MAY 26	1	Post 4	Post 5	1500K	Return Post 4 27 MAY
		2	Post	Post 4	1500K	
		3	"	"	1500K	Return Post 4 27 MAY
4	MAY 27	1				

7. Movement

Serial	Date	Sp	FROM	Destination	ETA	Remarks
1	MAY 24	1	TOL	POST 5	1530K	Biv night 24/25 MAY
		2	"	"	"	"
		3	"	"	"	"
		4	"	"	"	"
2	MAY 25	1	POST 5	POST 4	1500K	Biv night 25/26 MAY
		2	"	TOL	1530K	—————
		3	"	POST 4		Biv night 25/26 MAY
		4	"	POST 4		" "
3	MAY 26	1	POST 4	POST 3	1500K	Biv night 26/27 MAY
		3	"	POST 5	1500K	" "
		4	"	POST 3	1500K	" "
4	MAY 27	1	POST 3	POST 4	1500K	Biv night 27/28 MAY
		3	POST 5	TOL	1530K	—————
		4	POST 3	POST 4	1500K	Biv night 27/28 MAY
5	MAY 28	1	POST 4	POST 5	1500K	Biv night 28/29 MAY
		4	POST 4	POST 5	1500K	Biv night 28/29 MAY
6	MAY 29	1	POST 5	TOL	1530K	—————
		4	POST 5	TOL	1530K	—————

ADP

8 Stores

(a) Dents, Shelters, Haulies @ Stretcher tops for each post - will be labelled & rolled into ~~groups~~ bundles for each ~~post~~ delivered to D17 by 23/600K

9 Rations

(a) all tps will carry one days ration on the man in addition to emergency ration

(b) ^{AD} Further rationing provided by each post

10 med

Medicine facilities are available at each post.

Inter comm

W/T Comm available at outpost

Ack.

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Signed at 231130K

M. J. Stubbins
Capt
Unit 16 and 2nd B. (A.P.)

- D Coy: W. J. Stubbins Capt
- Lt Stuart W. J. Stubbins Lt
- ZIC: W. J. Stubbins
- IO: W. J. Stubbins ST 231130K
- QM: W. J. Stubbins Capt: QM / SUNRAY!

SECRET

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16 AUST INF BN (AIF) OO 7.

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DATE 14 May 45.

REF MAPS: Ref maps MEVELO and CAPE TURNER 1:63360.

INFM:

1. Enemy See current sitreps.
2. Own Tps B Coy will prepare for relief of 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) staging details, 15/16 May 45.

INTENTION:

3. B Coy will relieve 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) of protective responsibility at cross island staging posts No 5, 4 & 3.

METHOD:

4. Groups
 - Group 1 Lt KNIGHT 26 OR's 11 Pl. 2 OR cooks B Coy HQ.
 - Group 2 Lt LONGSON 26 OR's 10 Pl.
 - Group 3 Lt GLASSON 26 OR's 12 Pl.
5. Tasks Each gp will provide protection to sup dumps and installations comprising the staging camps and own bivouac areas.
6. Time of Reporting.
 - (a) All gps will report Beach Master GOLDEN BEACH 170700K for onward movement by ALC 20 to SIPALANGAN.
 - (b) Five trucks 3 ton will report B Coy lines 170630K to move pers to GOLDEN BEACH.
7. Movement - B Coy.

1 M/D
 2 M/D
 3 M/D
 4 ✓
 5 ✓
 6 ✓
 7 ✓
 8 ✓
 9 R/S
 10 ✓
 11 ✓
 12 ✓
 13 FILE
 14 ✓
 15 ✓

Serial	Date	Gp	From	Destination	ETA	Action on arrival.
1	May 17	1	TOL	Post 5	1530K	Relieve 11 Bn detail
		2	"	"	1530K	Biv night 17/18
		3	"	"	1530K	" " "
2	" 18	2	Post 5	Post 4	1500K	Relieve 11 Bn detail
		3	"	"	1500K	Biv night 18/19
3	" 19	3	Post 4	Post 3	1500K	Relieve 11 Bn detail

8. Movement - 11 Bn.

serial	Date	Detail	From	Destination	ETA
1	May 18	10 offr 22 OR's	Post 5	TOL	181600K
2	" 19	1 offr 23 OR's	Post 4	TOL	191600K
3	" 20	1 offr 26 OR's	Post 3	TOL	211600K

9. Coy HQ and Remaining Pers - B Coy.

(a) Capt JOHNSTON, batman and one orderly will accompany Lt KNIGHT and will supervise posts 3, 4 and 5, separate instructions being issued by CO.

(b) Coy 21c together with Coy HQ and remaining pers of B Coy will biv HQ Coy area and come under comd HQ Coy Comd 170700X.

ADM

10. stores

(a) All amm accn stores (incl tents shelter halves) and cooking utensils will be taken over from 11 Bn in situ, reimbursement of 11 Bn being effected by QM with equivalent quantities of stores.

(b) Each Gp Comd will fwd to BnHQ per Comd 11 Bn detail relieved and signed inventory of all stores, amm, cooking utensils rations etc taken over.

11. Rations. All tps will carry twodays ration on the man in addition to emergency ration A3.

12. Med.

(a) One Lt sec 2 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) will remain at post 4.

(b) One med orderly provided by 2 Aust Fd Amd (AIF) will remain at posts 3 and 5.

INTERCOMM.

13. W/T.

(a) 208 sets from each post will operate on daily schedule of 0800, 1200 and 1600 hrs.

(b) 109 set HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) will maintain continuous listening watch.

(c) OC staging posts will signal HQ 13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) all arrivals and departures of pers.

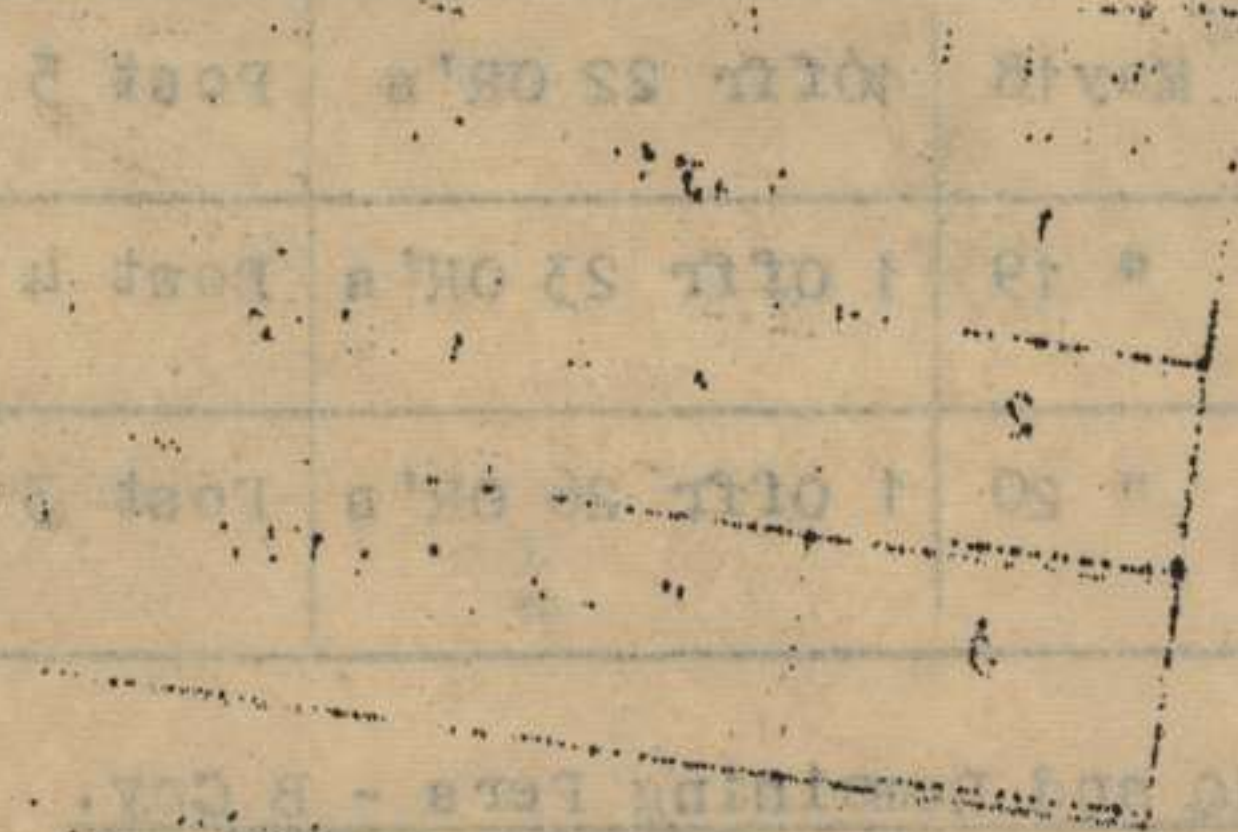
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Capt

N. S. FLETCHER.
Adj. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

Distribution.

13 Bde	1
CO	2
21c	3
Adj. 16	4
B Coy	5 - 8
QM	9
IO	10
War Diary	11
TO	12
File	13
Spares	14 - 15.



10 May 45.

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)Op Order No 6.REF MAP ;> WAITAVALO - 1:25000.INFM :

1. Enemy - Current sitreps up to and incl 195.
2. Own Troops - 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less C Coy is to be relieved of OF responsibilities in MOONDEI - BULUS River area by 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF). Relief is to be completed by 141400K.
3. Tps passing From Comd - C Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and FOO's and party from 2/14 Fd Regt (AIF) with each A, B and D Coys, passes from Comd 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at present areas at 140930K.

INTENTION :-

4. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less C Coy will move to TOL Area 648507 during morning 14 May 45.

METHOD :-

5. No movement from present area until 30 min after arrival of incoming Coys.
6. Groupings, Routes, ETD and ETA as shown on movement table appx "A".
7. Advance Party - The undermentioned personnel will report to Bn 2 ic: at Adv Bn HQ at 131330K.

(a). Personnel -

Bn 2 ic and batman	- 2.
Coy 2 ic's and batmen.	- 8.
One NCO per Pl.	- 14.
2 cooks each A.B. & D Coys	- 6.
storeman per Coy	- 4.
4 sigs.	- 4.
RF Cpl and 1 OR,	- 2.
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(b). Advance Party stores :-

The following will be taken -

- (I) Cooking gear as ordered by WO caterer.
- (II) All personal equipment incl tent shelter half.
- (III) 1/200 and 1/400 al tanks.

8. Reece Party - Consisting of :-

Bn 2 ic.
 Sig Offr.
 OC HQ Coy.
 2 ic each A, B and D Coys.
 Hygiene Sjt. -
 will report to Bn 2 ic at Adv Bn HQ Tpt park at 121330K.
 Party will return to Adv Bn perimeter at 121600K.

9. Guides :- (a) C Coy will provide guides for incoming Coys to each - A, B, and D Coy Areas.
 Guides to report to BULUS RIVER crossing 664524 at 140730K.

(b). Pl NCO's with Adv Party will report to RF Cpl at Bn HQ 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at 141030K.

ADM -

10. Rations - (a) 3 days reserve with each A, B, and D Coys will be handed over to incoming Coys.
 (b) Rations from 14 May onwards will be drawn by Adv Party on arrival new area.
 (c) Midday meal 14 May will be provided by Adv Party on arrival new area.
11. Ammunition -
 (a) To be carried on the man or gun -
 Rfn - 50 rds.
 SMG - 8 mags of 25 rds & 40 rds.
 LMG - 8 mags of 25 rds.
 MMG - 2000 rds.
 2 Pr Tk/A - 32 rds.
 Mortar 3 inch - Amm mov with Mortars.
 Grenades 4 sec HE - 2 per man.
 (b) Surplus res amm from A, B, and D Coys will be handed over to incoming Coys.
 (c) Balance of Bn Res amm (less amm carried on the man or gun with C Coy) will be moved to Amm pt at Rear "B" Ech. prior to 12 May 45.
12. Coy Stores - incl water tanks and meat safes will be taken and will be placed in Coy dumps on side of main rd by 140900K. Gds will remain with Coy stores.
13. Tables : Forms -and chairs incl ACP furniture will be placed in Coys dumps in front of HQ Coy ord room by 140800K.
14. Hydro Burners will be transferred to 21 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)
15. Tents will be transferred to " " " "
16. Kitchen Gear - with A and D Coys will be transferred to incoming Coys.
17. Weapons and Equipment - incl tent shelters half will be taken.
18. Certificates - Receipts of all stores handed over by Coys will be obtained from incoming Coys and will incl :-
 Tents and flies.
 Hydro burners.
 Kitchen Equipment.
 Ammunition.
 Rations.
19. Transport - TO will make available vehs as follow :-
 121330K - 2 Jeeps report to Bn 2 ic Adv Bn HQ
 130800K - 1 " & trailer to QM at Adv "B" Ech.
 131300K - 4 " " " s to Bn 2 ic Adv Bn HQ.
 140800K - 2 " " " s to Adjnt at Adv Bn HQ.
 - 1 " " " " RMO " " "
 1 2 3 ton veh report to HQ Coy " " "
 Balance of Jeeps and trailers distributed at discretion of TO.
20. Loading Party - C Coy will provide 1 NCO and 10 ors to report to TO at Adv Bn Tpt veh park at 140745 K.
21. Hygiene -
 (a) Latrines will not be filled in.
 (b) Incinerators and salvage pit frames will be handed over to incoming Coys.
22. Medical - RAP closes present area at 140900K and opens same time at TOL.

(3)


23. Water Pt - TO will take over from 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) at 140900K, water point, engine and water veh on loan from Ord FdPk. TO will arrange for 1/200 and 1/400 gal tank with Adv Party to be filled by 131600K.

INTERCOM -

24. Sig Offr will transfer existing sig cable at present laid in Unit area to 11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and take over existing lines in new area.
25. Adv Bn HQ closes present area 141000K and opens same time TOL.
26. synchronisation - with sigs 140700K.

ACK

Issued by SDR and Runner.
signed at ..H.D.K.Z.S.K.


Maj.
E.T. Doncon - 2 ic 16 Aust Inf (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION.

HQ. A.B.C. & D Coys.	-	1 - 5.
2/14 Fd Reft (AIF)		6
11 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)		7
13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF) Gp.		8 - 9.
CO. Adjnt.		10 - 11.
Sig Offr. QM		12 - 13.
TO. RMO.		14 - 15.
Rear "B" Ech.		16.
War Diary.		17 - 18.
File.		19.
Spares.		20 - 21.

MOVEMENT ORDER to 16 AUST INF BN (AIF) Op O No 6.

APPX "A".

Serial.	Sub Unit.	Place.		Route.	ETD	ETA	REMARKS.
		From	To.				
1.	Adv Party.	BULUS RIVER 660522.	TOL AREA 648507.	Coastal Rd.	131330K	131345K.	
2.	Bn HQ & HQ Coy.	" "	" "	" "	141030K.	141115K.	ETA relieving Unit Bn HQ & HQ Coy 141000K.
3.	B Coy less Coy HQ & one pl	MARUI A 682515.	" "	" "	140930K.	141130K.	ETA relieving Coy (D) 140830K.
4.	Two Pls B Coy.	"	" "	By Barge to STONE JETTY.	During morning 14 May 45 time to be notified.		
5.	D Coy.	MOONDEI RIVER 684531.	" "	South Along West bank MOON DEI RIVER then ce W along Coastal rd.	140930K	141130K.	ETA relieving Coy (C) 140830K.
6.	A Coy.	BULUS RIVER 662534.	" "	S along W bank of BULUS RIVER thence W along coastal rd.	140930K	141100K.	ETA Relieving Coy (A) 140810K.

FILE

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COPY NO. 21

13 MAR 45

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

- 00 5 -

REF MAP: CAPE TURNER 1" to 1 ml

INFM:

1. 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) passes from Comd of 13 Aust Inf Bde(AIF) as from 150800K and comes under Comd 6 Aust Inf Bde(AIF) same time.
2. 3-3ton vehs & 10-1/4ton vehs with trailers from 52 Tpt Pl will be attached to Bn for movement of stores to BONDI Beach.

INTENTION:

3. 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) will move to WIDE BAY AREA on night 14/15 Mar 45.

METHOD:

4. Groupings: - mov will be by sea as shown on Barge Loading Table appx A

5. Allotment of Barges as shown on appx A

6. Embarkation Pt BONDI BEACH

7. Disembarkation Pt KAMANDRAM 580446

8. Time to commence embarkation -

(a) Personnel:

Barges 1 - 4	141900K
Barges 5 - 7	142300K

(b) stores:

Barges 5 - 7	141200K
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9. Embarkation completed -

Pers barges 1 - 4	141945K
" " 5 - 7	142345K

stores 5 - 7	141500K
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10. E.T.D. Barges 1 - 4 142000K

" " 5 - 7 142400K

11. E.T.A. Barges 1 - 4 150800K

5 - 7 151200K

12. REAR PARTY:

(a) PERSONNEL:

OC	Capt DOCWRA	1
	& Batman	1
	16 Pl 'D' Coy	32
	Hygiene Pte Stone & Pte Abbott	2
	Int Pers Cpl Darling	1
	Med: Pte Cook	1
	Sigs Ptes Bleakley, Summerton, McMillan, & Cunningham	4

12 (a) Cont.

<u>Pnrs</u>	Ptes Bowra, Snooks	2
<u>Tpt</u>	4 ORs	4
<u>Q</u>	Sjt McKinnon Cpl Langfield	2
<u>Cooks</u>	D Coy (4)	4
<u>Tk/A</u>	11 pers.	11
<u>Baggage Guards</u> (3)	HQ Coy D "	
	A "	9

TOTAL.74(b) BARGE LOADINGBarge No 8:

Rear Party less tpt		64
HQ Coy	5 tons	
Pnrs Stores	3 "	
Lighting Plant		
	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	
Sigs	2 "	
Rec Hut(ACF)	$\frac{3}{4}$ "	
RQ Stores	3 "	
TOTAL:	14$\frac{1}{2}$ Tons	64

Barge No 9:

Tpt Personnel		4
3 Jeeps & 3 Trailers		
D Coy Q Stores	5 ton	
A Coy Kitchen Gear	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	4

Barge No 10:

Available if required.

(c) SIG CADRE PERSONNEL (12)

3 Each Rifle Coy will be rationed by Rear Party until Rear Party moves & thereafter rationed & accomodation will be provided by 13 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)

- ADME
- Buildings Permanent fixtures will remain standing.
 - stores All tentage & accomodation stores will be taken.
 - Baggage Guards

The following baggage parties will be provided for Stores barges -

<u>Barge 5</u>	-	As required by HQ Coy
<u>Barge 6</u>	-	Canteen Sjt & Cpl HQ Coy as required.
<u>Barge 7</u>	-	1 RAP 1 Int 1 Bn HQ 1 Offrs Mess (Cpl Gedling) 3 ORs from each A:B:C:Coys.

16. ROUTINE:

Reveille	0500	hrs
Breakfast	0600	"
Lunch	1200	"
Evening Meal	1700	"

17. TENTAGE & COY STORES.

All tents will be struck & packed in Coy dumps together with Coy stores by 141000K.

18. LOADING

(a) Barges: OC Rear Party, Capt Docwra, will be incharge of loading barges at BONDI assisted by Lt Treasure.

(b) Barge Loading Party:

1 =Offr	&	30 ORs	B Coy
1 Offr	"	30 ORs	D Coy

Report to Capt Docwra 141200K BONDI.

(c) VEHICLES

3 x 3 ton vehs will report to TO at 141100K.

(d) Loading of Vehs

(i) Lt Medcalf will be incharge of loading of all stores in Bn Area.

(ii) Each Coy will provide a loading party to load own stores to be available at 141100K.

(iii) Each Coy will provide 1 guide to report to TO at Tpt Office 141045K.

(iv) HQ Coy will provide loading party of 20 pers for loading Tk/A guns & Jeeps, to report to TO 141130K.

(v) C Coy will provide Bn Loading party of 2 NCOs & 20 ORs to report RSM at 141100K for loading of Amn etc.

19. RATIONS

(i) Midday & Evening meals 14 Mar will be provided as follows:-

A:B:C Coys	at	A Coy Kitchen.
D & HQ Coys	"	D Coy "

(ii) D Coy kitchen will ration Rear Party pers. The following additional pers will also ration at D Coy until mov:-

12	ORs attending Sig Cadre.
2	Cpls for I.T. Bn

(iii) The following additional pers will be rationed by D Coy 141100K.

1	Offr & 30 ORs	- Barge Loading Party.
20	"	- p HQ Coy Loading party.

(4)

19 Cont.

(iv) Rations to be carried by pers.

1 days Emergency Ration A3
1 days Hard ration.

(v) 6 Bde will provide evening meal 15 Mar 45.

20. AMN:

(a) Carried on the man -

Rifleman	50 rds
Bren	8 mags of 25 rds per gun.
SMG	3 mags per gun
MMG	24 belts per Pl(2 guns)
3" Mortar	34 HE 15 Smoke per Pl(3 Mortars)

(b) Trg Amn: Coys will return all Trg Amn to RSM by 131000K.

(c) RSM will hand over all Trg Amn to 11 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) prior to move.

21. SLIT TRENCHES.

All slit Trenches will be filled in before 141000K.

22. HYGIENE

(a) Latrine Seats will be taken.

(b) Latrines Pits will NOT be filled in but openings will be covered with hessian.

23. CERTIFICATES.

(a) Coy Comds will render to Bn HQ by 141800K a certificate to the effect that they have personally inspected Coy lines & certify that all hygiene & security matters are satisfactory & that lines have been thoroughly cleaned.

(b) Rear Party Comd will obtain from 13 Bde a certificate to the effect that the Bn Area has been inspected & found to be in satisfactory order.

24. MOVEMENT TO EMBARKATION PT

(a) Order of March:

Barges. 1 - 4

B Coy & att	trs
C " " "	"
A " " "	"
D " " "	"

S.T. 141815K

Barges 5 - 7

Barge No 5	pers	}	o/c
" " 6	"		
" " 7	"		

S.T. 142200K S.Pt Bn HQ.

25. EQUIPMENT CARRIED ON THE MAN:

Scale 'B'

- 26. (a) Blankets returned to QM by 141000K
- (b) QM will take in bulk one blanket per man which will be drawn from Ordnance.
- 27. Personal Kits will be carried in Coy Stores.

INTERCOMN

28. Distribution of Phones & Cables.

One phone & 1 ml of Cable with each Rifle Coy, CO Gp & 2ic Gp.

29 Bn HQ closes present posn 150900K & opens same time KAMANDRAM.

30. Synchronisation with sig 140700K.

ACK

Issued by SDR & Runner

signed at.....132110 K

E.T. Doncon Maj

E.T. DONCON 2ic 16 AUST INF BN.

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy	1
B "	2
C "	3
D "	4
HQ "	5
CO	6
2ic	7
Adjt	8
sigs	9
QM	10
TO	11
RMO	12
Rear Party	13
RSM	14
Embarkation Offr	15
13 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)	16 & 17
6 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)	18
War Diary	19 & 20
File	21
Spares	22 & 23.

BARGE No 1:

OC B Coy Comd

B Coy

" " att pers

1 Int Sec

3 Med SB

3 Sigs with phone

& 1 ml Cable

7

One det Mortars

17

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BARGE No 2

OC C Coy Comd

C Coy

89

" " att pers

as for B Coy

17

Pnrs

20

CO Gp

CO & Batman

2

Adjt & Batman

2

Int

2

Sigs

5

Med

4

Bn HQ

6

MMG Sjt & Orderly

2

23

145

BARGE No 3

OC A Coy Comd

A Coy

116

" " att pers

as for B Coy

7

MMG Pl (2 guns)

27

150

BARGE No 4

OC D Coy Comd

D Coy

70

" " Coy att pers

as for Barge No 1

7

2ic Gp

2ic & batman

2

Sigs phone & 1 ml
of cable

4

Int pers

2

Pnrs

3

Med

2

Bn HQ

2

15

Mortar Pl less one
det (2 guns)

36

HQ Coy HQ

13

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Barge No 5:

OC	TO	
Tpt		12
Tk/A		5
LAD		3
5 Jeeps & 5 Trailers loaded with Q Stores(2 tons)		
1 Jeep & Trailer LAD		
2 Tk/A guns.		20

Barge No 6:

OC	Tk/A Comd	
Tk/A		5
3 Baggage Guards HQ Coy, canteen		3
2 Tk/A Guns		
Amn 11 tons		
Canteen $\frac{1}{4}$ ton		
HQ Coy Q stores incl tents	5 tons	
Pnr tools	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	
Sigs 1 ton	1 ton	
MMG stores	$\frac{1}{2}$ ton	
Mortars	$\frac{3}{4}$ ton	
Packs & Orderly Stores	4 ton	10
TOTAL		21 tons.

Barge No 7

OC	RQMS.	
Adm Pl less tpt		19
3 Baggage Guards each A:B:C COYS		9
Q Stores 4 tons		
RAP stores $\frac{1}{2}$ ton		
Int Sec $\frac{1}{4}$ ton		
Bn Ord Room $1\frac{1}{2}$ ton		
Offr Mess $\frac{1}{3}$ ton		
A:B:C Coys Stores incl stretchers.	16 tons	
TOTAL		23 tons.

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31 JAN 45

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OI - No 3

REF MAPS: 4 in series NEW BRITAIN.

INFM:

- 1. ENEMY - As contained in current sitreps
- 2. OWN TPs
 - (a) 5 Aust Div less 6 Aust Inf Bde present area
 - (b) 6 Aust Inf Bde as previously advised.

INTENTION:

- 3. Sp ARMS
 - 2/14 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)
 - 472 Aust Hy AA Bty
 - one light sec 2 Aust Fd Amb.
 - Two dets of two med Orderlies 2 Aust Fd Amb
- 4. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will est track blocks to prevent enemy approach from NORTH & SOUTH.

METHOD:

- 5. TASK IN GENERAL
 - 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) less A:D:&HQ
 - Coys 10 Pl B Coy & 14 & 15 PlsC Coy will:-

(a) Prevent enemy approach from SOUTH by est track blocks of one Pl str in vicinity of each of

- (i) Track junc 997753
- (ii) FUAPAL village 994845

(b) Provide one pl to act in conjunction with ANGAU to prevent enemy approach from NORTH over the mountains by controlling all tracks in vicinity POMIO village 080932 and est post vicinity Track junc 072937

(c) All outposts & patrols will keep watch on all a/c mov & report immediately enemy a/c suspected of operating from GAZELLE Peninsula.

6. GROUPINGS

Post No 1 KAITON

- (a) Comd: Lt J.D. Knight
- (b) Tps:

11 Pl-B Coy (str 1 offr, 1 Sjt, 3 cpls, 35 ORs incl one cook) with under comd -

- 1 det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (1OR)
- 1 Det 2 Aust Fd Amb (2 med orderlies)
- 2 ORs 16 Bn sig Pl
- 1 OR 16 Bn Int Sec
- 1 OR 16 Bn SB.

(c) TASK Est track block in vicinity track junc 997753.

Post No 2 - 1UAPAL

- (a) Comd: Lt T.A. Glasson
- (b) Tps:

12 Pl-B Coy (str 1 offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, 35 ORs incl one cook) with under comd -

- 1 det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (1 OR)
- 1 det 2 Aust Fd Amb (2 med Orderlies)
- 2 ORs 16 Bn sig Sec
- 1 OR 16 Bn Int Sec
- 1 OR 16 Bn SB

(e) TASK - Est track block in vicinity
PUAPAL village 994845 & prevent enemy
approach from SOUTH.

POST NO 3 - POMIO

(a) Comd Lt L.N. Ferguson
(b) Tps 13 Pl-C Coy (str 1 off, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls,
35 ORs incl 1 cook) with under comd;
1 det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (1 OR)
1 Lt sec 2 Aust Fd Amb (1 off & 11 ORs)
2 ORs 16 Bn Sig Pl
1 OR 16 Bn Int sec
1 OR 16 Bn SB
6 Native Police Boys

(c) TASK Est post vicinity track junc 072937
& act in conjunction with ANGAU to prevent
enemy approach from NORTH over the mount-
ains, by controlling all tracks vicinity of
POMIO 0 30932

(d) NATIVE POLICE Six(6) Native Police Boys
will be available at POMIO for att Pl to
assist in patrolling. Pl Comd will contact
through Sjt Police Boy at POMIO.

7. Time of occupation - Occupation of all posts will
be completed by 041200K

8. Period of Duty Relief of patrols will be
affected in fourteen(14) days or as otherwise
instructed.

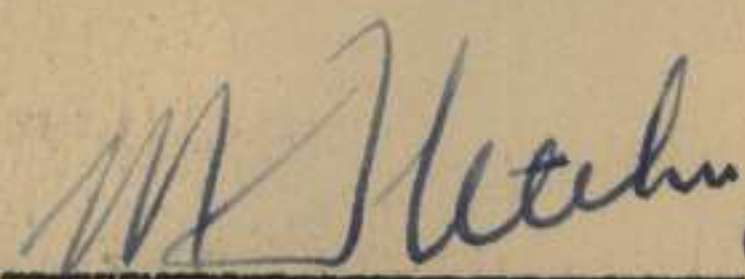
9. Arty
(a) 2/14 Aust Fd Regt will provide def fire for
posts No 1 & 3
(b) 472 Hy AA Tp as available will provide def
fire for Post 2.
(c) On general Alarm FOOs will be att to each post.

ADM: 10. SUPS As shown 16 Aust Inf Bn Adm instr No 3

INTERCOMN
11. WT
(a) 408 sets Mk4ii or 208 sets Mki will be
est by 13 Aust Inf Bde at each post.
(b) Out stas will est comm with control set
13 Aust Inf Bde at three(3) hr intervals
commencing 0300 hrs daily. Unusual occur-
ences will be reported immediately.
(c) Pl Comd will notify 13 Bde actual location
of post immediately comm is est

12. CODE: Code word for general ALARM QUAKER

ACK:


Capt
N. S. FLETCHER Adjt

TIME OF SIGNATURE..... 3/1800

METHOD OF ISSUE -- Runner

DISTRIBUTION

13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1	Lt Ferguson	8
CO/21c	2	QM	9
B Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)	3	IO	10
C " " " "	4	War diary	11
HQ " " " "	5	RMO	12
Lt Knight	6	File	13
" Glasson	7		

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OVERLAY
of
TRACKS
WUNUNG
RIVER
AREA

REF MAP : DRINA
1:63360

PALA

TALANG

unoccupied

NATIVE GARDEN.

occupied

Garden.

unoccupied

WUNUNG
PTN

PUAPAL

WUNUNG
R

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Position of Tracks approx

INT SEC. 13 BDE
6 DEC 44.

File

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COPY No.....

30 DEC 44

16 AUST INF BN (AIF)

OI - NO2

REF MAPS: 1 in Series NEW BRITAIN.

INFM:

1. Enemy
As contained in 5 Aust Div Resume and current sitreps.
2. Own Troops
As previously advised.
3. Sp Arms
1 Det 2 Aust Fd Amb (2 Med Orderlies)

INTENTION:

4. 16 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) will take over from 11 Bn and will est track block vicinity track june Sq 9783 and prevent enemy approach from WEST.

METHOD:

5. Groupings
 - (i) Comd Lt G.C. Longson
 - (ii) Troop 10 Pl - B Coy (str 1 Offr, 1 Sjt, 3 Cpls, 35 ORs incl one cook) with under Comd
1 Det 2 Aust Fd Amb (2 Med Orderlies)
 - (iii) Task
 - (a) Est patrol post and track block in vicinity track june Sq 9783 and prevent enemy approach from WEST.
 - (b) Patrol daily tracks in vicinity of post.
6. Time of Occupation
Relief of 11 Bn patrol will be completed by 041700Z
7. Period of Duty
Relief will be effected in fourteen (14) days or as otherwise instructed.
8. Aircraft
The mov of all a/c will be recorded and enemy a/c suspected of operating from GAZELLE Peninsula will be reported immediately.

ADM

9. As per 16 Aust Inf Bn Adm Instr No 2

INTERCOMN:

10.
L/T

- (a) L/T is established with control at 13 Aust Inf Bde and will be manned continuously. Contact will be est with Bde at the following times - 0800, 1200, 1600, 2000 hrs.

10 (Cont)

(b) Runner

Runner will report to 13 Bde daily at 1000 hrs and obtain the pass word for the following day. Runner will always report to Bde Sig Office.

(c)

Pl Comd will notify 13 Bde actual location of post immediately comm is est.

11. Code

Code word for General Alarm QUAKER.

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ACK.

Capt

N.S. FLETCHER

Adj. Gen.

TIME OF SIGNATURE..... 031100T

METHOD OF ISSUE - Runner

<u>DISTRIBUTION</u>	<u>COPY</u>
13 Aust Inf Bde (AIF)	1
CO, 2ic	2
B Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn	3
Lt Longson " "	4
QM " "	5
IO " "	6
War Diary	7
File	8

SECRET

COPY NO.....

....19....DEC 44.

16 AUST INF BN(AIF)

01 - No 1.

REF. MAPS:

11n Series NEW BRITAIN.

INFM:

1. ENEMY:
As contained in 5 Aust Resume No 1 and current sitreps.
2. OWN TPS:
(a) 5 Aust Div less 6 Aust Inf Bde, present area. & 4 Aust Inf Bde
(b) 6 Aust Inf Bde at CUTARF.
3. SP. ARMS:
2/14 Aust Fd Regt (less one bty)
472 Aust Hy AA Tp
One light sec 2 Aust Fd Amb.
Two dets of two Med Orderlies 2 Aust Fd Amb.

INTENTION:

4. 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) will est track blocks to prevent enemy approach from NORTH and SOUTH.

METHOD:

5. TASK IN GENERAL:
16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF) less B:C:D: Coys will:-
(a) Prevent enemy approach from SOUTH by est track blocks of one Pl str in vicinity of each of
(i) Track junc 024770
(ii) PURPURENA village 969801
(b) Provide one Pl to act in conjunction with A NGAU to prevent enemy approach from NORTH over the mountains, by controlling all tracks in vicinity of POMIO 080932, and est post vicinity Track junc 072938.
(c) All outposts and patrols will keep watch and report immediately enemy a/c suspected of operating from GAZELLE Peninsula.

6. GROUPINGS:

POST No 1:

(a) COMD:

Lt D.A. Howard.

(b) TPS:

8 Pl - A Coy (str 1 Off: 1 Sgt: 3 Cpls:
35 O/Rs incl one cook) with under
Comd:-
1 Det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (2 O/Rs)
1 Det 2 Aust Fd Amb (2 Med Orderlies)
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Sig Pl.
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Int Sec.
1 O/R 16 Bn S.B.

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(c) TASK:

Est track block in vicinity of Track. " junc .024770. and prevent enemy approach from the SOUTH.

(d) MVT: Tps will embark on barge from SWAN BEACH at POST NO 2: 210530I for mvt to MISSION JETTY.

(a) COMD:

Lt D.L. Halla.

(b) TFS:

9 Pl - A Coy (str 1 Off: 1 Sgt: 3 Cpls: 35 O/Rs incl 1 cook) with under Comd:-
1 Det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (2 O/Rs)
1 Det 2 Aust Fd Amb (2 Med Orderlies)
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Sig Sec.
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Int Sec.
1 O/R 16 Bn SB.

(c) TASK:

Est Track block in vicinity of PURPURENA village 969801 and prevent enemy approach from the SOUTH.

POST NO 3:

(a) COMD:

Lt R.H. Boyd.

(b) TFS

2 Pl HQ Coy (str 1 Off: 1 Sgt: 3 Cpls: 35⁰/Rs incl 1 cook) with under Comd:-
1 Det 13 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec (2 O/Rs)
1 Light Sec 2 Aust Fd Amb (1 Offr 11 O/Rs)
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Sig Pl.
2 O/Rs 16 Bn Int Sec.
1 O/R 16 Bn SB.
6 Native Police Boys.

1 Offr 2 O/Rs 2/14 Aust Fd Regt will be att: tps only and will move with pty.

(c) TASK:

Est post vicinity Track junc 072938 and act in conjunction with ANGAU to prevent enemy approach from NORTH over the mountains, by controlling all tracks vicinity of POMIO 080932.

(d) NATIVE POLICE:

Six(6) native police boys will be available at POMIO from 210800I for att pl to assist in patrolling.
Pl Comd will contact them on his arrival at post.

(e) ANGAU:

Pl Comd will contact Maj Roberts O/C ANGAU, KAMALGAMAN Area.

7. TIME OF OCCUPATION:

Occupation of ALL posts will be complete by 211800I

8. PERIOD OF DUTY:

Relief will be effected in fourteen(14) days or as otherwise instructed.

9. AIRCRAFT:

All outposts and patrols will keep watch and report immediately enemy a/c suspected of operating from GAZELLE Peninsula.

12. (e) Pl Comd will notify 13 Bde actual location of post immediately comm is est.

10. ARTY:

(a) 2/14 Aust Fd Regt less one Bty will provide def fire - one tp each -

- 1. Track Bend 080942
- 2. Track Bend 073945
- 3. Track Bend 036938
- 4. 400 yds SOUTH of Track junc at 024770

(b) 472 Hy AA Tp as available will provide def fire Track Bend 958800.

(c) On General Alarm FOOs will be att to each post.

11. ADM:

SUPS:

As shown 16 Aust Adm Instr No 1.

12. INTERCOM.

W/T.

(a) 108 sets MK111 or 208 sets MK1 will be est by 13 Aust Inf Bde at -

- Track Junc 024770
- Track Junc 072938
- PURDURENA 969801

(b) Out Sta's will est comm with control set 13 Aust Inf Bde at three(3) hr intervals commencing 0300 hrs daily. Unusual occurrences will be reported immediately.

13. CODE:

Code word for General Alarm QUAKER.

ACK:

N.S. Fletcher
Capt

N. S. FLETCHER - Adjt 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)

TIME OF SIGNATURE... 190700

METHOD OF ISSUE - Runner.

DISTRIBUTION

COPY

13 Aust Inf Bde(AIF)	1
A Coy 16 Aust Inf Bn(AIF)	2
HQ COY " " "	3
Lt Howard " "	4
" Halls " "	5
" Walker " "	6
" Treasure " "	7
QM " "	8
IO " "	9
RMO " "	10
WAR DIARY	11
File	12