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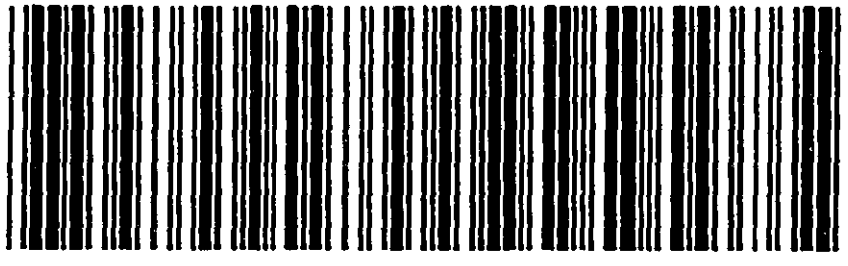
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AIR LIAISON

1 Air Liaison Group (1 AL Grp)

November 1943, part 1



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H. 1004

Unit 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 45. To 30 NOV 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			WAR DIARY APPENDICES.	
			No. 1. War Diary 1 Aust Comd AL Section.	
			No. 2. " " 2 " " " "	
			No. 3. " " 3 " " " "	
			No. 4. " " 4 " " " "	
			No. 5. AAF W3009	
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			No. 7. Bomber Comd A2 Periodic Reports.	
			No. 8. Fighter Comd A2 " "	

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W. 1004 *Unit* 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. *Date and Time.—From* 1 NOV 43 *To* 30 NOV.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			WAR DIARY FOR NOVEMBER.	
			Details of strikes in support of ground operations appear in War Diaries of Comd and Sqn Air Liaison Sections. Following is outline of principal activities at HQ 1 Aust Air Liaison Group attached to HQ Advanced Echelon Fifth Air Force.	
PORT MORESBY	1 NOV (a)		Question of air strike on enemy position on SEPIK river to assist our patrol activities again ~~aposs~~. Air Force state still unable to undertake owing to delay in RABAUL programme caused by weather.	
	(b)		Chief of Staff advised that as soon as shuttle transport service MORESBY - GUSAP was instituted, ALO would be advised so that 6 MG Bn could be put on 24 hours notice for move to GUSAP for Airdrome defence.	

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n. 1000

Unit 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. *Date and Time.—From* 1 NOV 43 *To* 30 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	1 NOV(c)		Air transport arrangements for movement of supplies, personnel	
			etc. made today and daily.	
	2 NOV.		Strong air attack on RABAUL.	
			Preliminary report as passed to H.Q.F.:-	
			"75 Attack Bombers escorted by 30 fighters attacked naval and	
			merchant vessels at RABAUL at masthead height. Preliminary	
			conservative results: SUNK - 2 destroyers, one destroyer	
			tender, 6 merchant vessels from 5 - 7000 tons, one 3000 ton	
			and one 6000 ton freighter, four luggers.	
			SERIOUSLY DAMAGED - one heavy cruiser, 2 destroyers,	
			7 merchant vessels of 4 - 6000 tons, 2 tankers 8 - 10,000 tons.	
			One other cruiser seen listing with large hole in side.	
			Fighters shot down 26 in air and destroyed 7 fighters, one	
			medium bomber, on LAKUNAI airdrome, 8 float planes and 2	

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R. 1000

Unit 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 43. To 30 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	2 NOV.		Four engined flying boats.	
			Total 35 airplanes destroyed, 25 probable.	
			Own losses - 12 bombers, 12 fighters. Of these 3 bombers	
			and 2 fighters crash landed on return to base with crews safe.	
	3 NOV.		Lt-Col CURIE, member of LETHBRIDGE mission concerned with air	
			co-operation, to be assisted by CO in studying systems in	
			NEW GUINEA. Both to leave tomorrow by ANSON to visit	
			DOBODURA, (2 Corps and First Air Task Force) MIRIWIA and	
			GOODENOUGH, (6 US Army, 9 Ops Gp RAAF), NADZAB (Second Air	
			Task Force, AOD 4 A/C Sqn RAAF), and DUMPU (7 Aust Div.)	
	4 NOV.		CO departs with LT-Col CURIE.	
			Major London (2 i/c remains at Air Force HQ.	
	7 NOV.		In addition to usual transport arrangements, Air Force agree	
			to drop supplies at KOKODA for maintenance of personnel	

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W. 1008

Unit 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 45. To 30 NOV 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	7 NOV.		working on DOBODURA - MORESBY line.	
	9 NOV.		CO returns from inspection with Lt-Col CURIE.	
	10 NOV.		Message from spotting station received indicating Jap party of unstated strength in mountains NORTH EAST of GUSAP. Arrangements made for move of 3 MG Bn, 20 plane loads tomorrow, 21 on following day.	
	11 NOV.		Question of SEPIK strike. Represented it as highly desirable at earliest opportunity though we could not justify its detracting from major air effort (RABAUL) at present.	
	15 NOV.		Arrangements made for air transport for Major-General LETHBRIDGE and party of 6 to air and ground operations area.	
	16 NOV.		Obtained through 4 A/C Sqn. height of points in SATELBERG area to assist bombing by heavy bombers.	

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R. 1000

Unit 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. *Date and Time.—From* 1 NOV 43. *To* 30 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	17 NOV.		Completed arrangements for attachment to 4 AC Sqn of 2 Piper Cub airplanes, one for use by 7 Aust Div one for 9 Aust Div. Airplane to be used for communications, taking supplies to outlying patrols, track recce etc. Capt. D.G. MAY-WILKIE ex 5 Aust Fd Regt arrived and was posted as ALO to 64 & 65 Hy Bomb Sqns.	
	20 NOV.		ALO attended conferences between GOC in C NGF, DDMI, and acting Comd Advanced Echelon Fifth Air Force re flying of reinforcements to SEPIK area. Agreement reached and ALO, A5 to arrange details - 3 Catalinas to put on personnel and ~~xxx~~ for supplies on 21 and 22 Nov.	
	21 NOV.		Arranged for move by air of reinforcements 9 Aust Div from MORESBY to DOBODURA.	

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W. 1088 *Unit* 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP. *Date and Time.—From* 1 NOV 43. *To* 30 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	22 NOV.		Capt. R.S. DUNNING ex 1 Aust Div arrived and was posted to 90 ~~Hy~~ bomb Gp. to replace Capt. Craig who took over from Major Board at DOMCOM.	
	25 NOV.		Arrangements for air transport for GOC in C NGF and party of 4 to DOBODURA - NADZAB - GUSAP beginning 27 Nov.	
	28 NOV.		Interchange of planning information arranged.	
			Details of air operations directly or indirectly affecting land operations are given in APPX A (bombing, strafing, and recce, AR photography) and APPX B (fighter activities).	

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34 AUST SQUADRON SECTION

Unit. 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP..... *Date and Time.—From.* 311800/L OCT 43 *To.* 301800/L NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBADURA	Nov 1	1400	ALO arranged with Aust Docks Operating Coy for a visit by combat crews of shipping at BUNA. Crews inspected Allied and captured enemy landing craft.	WK
	Nov 3	1500	ALO returned to PORT MORESBY with Squadron from DOBADURA.	WK
SCHNEIDER	Nov 5	0900	ALO accompanied Squadron to KIRIWINA ISLANDS for strike against shipping in the SOLOMONS area.	
			ALO attended briefing at 73 Wing HQ RAAF. Contacted IO 73 Wing HQ for latest information of ground troops on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.	WK
KIRIWINA ISLANDS	Nov 8	1330	Shipping Mission cancelled Sqn returned to base via MILNE BAY.	WK
SCHNEIDER	Nov 9	1130	ALO visited NCF reference transportation of Section vehicle to Sqn's new base.	WK
	Nov 10	1400	ALO accompanied Sqn to DOBADURA, contacted ALO 4OS Sqn for use of briefing room and maps.	WK
DOBADURA	Nov 11	0900	Returned to PORT MORESBY with Sqn.	WK

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Unit. 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP ..... *Date and Time.—From.* 311800/L OCT 43 ..... *To.* 301800/L NOV 43 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SCHIMMER	Nov 12	1400	ALO visited IA and G(AIR) HGF for detailed information of MADANG Defences.	
	Nov 13	0830	ALO accompanied Sqn on strike against MADANG Aerodrome and Supply Areas.	
			Attack was successful target well covered by bombing and strafing. Good	
			observation of RAMU Battle Area was obtained en route to target.	
	Nov 14	1400	ALO visited ALO 8 Fighter Group re Escape Route details.	
		1900	ALO attended lecture "Escape from the Jungle" by American Officer from	
			HQ Allied Air Forces SWPA.	
	Nov 16	1330	ALO arranged for Company Commander 2/10 Aust Inf Bn to accompany pilot of	
			B25 on training flight MORESBY area. Aust Officer gave short talk to	
			combat crews on "Fighting in the Jungle".	
	Nov 17	1000	ALO attended conference at V Bomb Comd.	
	Nov 19	1200	Major Walters, First Air Task Force, visited Sqn, discussed ground force	
			operations with ALO.	

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Unit. 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP ..... *Date and Time.—From* 311800/L OCT 43 ..... *To* 301800/L NOV 43 .....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SCHWIMMER	Nov 25	1400	ALO left for Mainland on temporary duty.	
	Nov 27	0835-1100	6 B25 D1's from the Squadron bombed and Strafed BORAM DROME. Attack successful.	

For Capt. J.W.C. Stevens.
A.L.O. 34 AUST SQN SECTION.

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Unit 33 Aust.Sqn.A.L.Sec. I Aust.A.L. G *Date and Time.—From* I.II.43 *To* 30.II.43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	I.II.43	1400	Capt.Mullis to 5AF to see Lt.Col. Fleming.Ref visit to mainland on Sqn.Duties. Not arranged.	
" "	2.II.43		Routine Duties.	
" "	3.II.43		" "	
" "	4.II.43	0810	Talk by Capt.Mullis. 0830 hrs Lecture to New Crews on past events in the S.W.P.	
" "	5.II.43	0515	Cpl.Worrall to Wards Drome for transport to Kiriwina, arrived 0945 hrs.	
		0705	Capt.Mullis with flight echelon left for Kiriwina,arrived 0915 hrs. 1500 hrs Capt. Mullis attended GP. briefing. 1710 hrs Capt. Mullis assisted in Sqn briefing.	
" "	6-7.II.43		Sqn. on alert.	
" "	8.II.43	0930	Capt.Mullis with Flight Echelon left for base. 1130 hrs turned back landed Dobodura ,Engine trouble. Remained overnight at 380 Service Sqn.	
" "	9.II.43	1100	Cpl. Worrall left Kiriwina, arrived Dobodura 1300 hrs.1130 hrs Capt.Mullis left Dobodura for base,arr. 1230.	
" "	10.II.43	0900	Flight Echelon left for Dobodura,Capt.Mullis remained in charge of Intelligence Office,as all Intell.Off.	
" "	11.II.43		Routine Duties. (were away.	
" "	12.II.43	0815	Flight Echelon left Dobodura for base,1130 hrs Cpl.Worrall left Dobodura by transport for base.	
		1600-1700	Capt.Mullis attended Gp.briefing for MADANG strike.	
" "	13.II.43	0700	Capt.Mullis assists in briefing for above strike.1300 hrs.assists in interrogation. 1530 hrs Capt.Mullis with Lieut.Green to GP. Ref next mission.	
" "	14.II.43		Routine Duties.	
" "	15.II.43	0615	Capt.Mullis assists in briefing for strike against WEWAK & BORAM.1200 hrs assists in interrogation. A/C did not reach target owing to Enemy Interception.	
" "	16.II.43		Capt.Mullis to V Bomb Comd to see Major Board, then to G Air at N.G.F.	
" "	17.II.43	0930	Capt.Mullis met and arranged Air transport for Major General Lethebridge and party to DOBODURA. 1400 hrs to V bomb Comd A.L.O's meeting.	
" "	18.II.43	1200	Capt.Mullis with Lieut.Green to Moresby, Liaison Duties.	
" "	19-22.II.43		Routine Duties.	
" "	23.II.43	0810	Talk by Capt.Mullis,0945 hrs Capt.Mullis to N.G.F.to see G Air, then to V Bomb Comd. Major Board.	
" "	24.II.43		Routine Duties.	
" "	25.II.43	1400	Capt.Mullis to V Bomb Comd A.L.O's meeting.	
" "	26.II.43	0815	Talk by Capt.Mullis.	
" "	27.II.43	0630	Capt.Mullis assists in briefing for strike against BORAM A/D. 0745 hrs Capt.Mullis met and arranged transport for Lt.Gen.Morshead to DOBODURA. 1400 hrs assist in interrogation of crews. 1600 hrs Capt.Mullis met Lt.Gen.Morshead on return from DOBODURA & arranged trip for following day at 0800 hrs to MADZAB.	
" "	28.II.43	0740	Capt.Mullis met Lt.Gen.Morshead & Lt.Gen.Northcott at Drome before departure to MADZAB.	
" "	29.II.43		Routine Duties.	
" "	30.II.43	0930	Visit by Major Board, periodic inspection.	

Capt.
33 Aust.Sqn. A.L. Sec.

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Unit 32 Aust. Sqn. A.L.Section *Date and Time.—From* 1 November *To* 30 November 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	3	0900	Cpl. Tully appeared before Officers Preselection Board- classified as Class B.	
	12	0900	Capt Timms reported back to Section from V Bom Com on return of Major Board.	
	14	1000	Cpl Tully reported to Murray Barracks prior to proceeding on leave.	
	17	1400	Conference of all Bom. Sqn. A.L.O.s at V Bom Comm. Lecture by Major Overturf on the Japanese Airforce.	
	22	1700	Copy of Standing Orders 1 Aust. A.L.Group received by Section.	
	25	1400	A.L.O. attended ~~last~~ Conference at V Bom Com. Lectures by Major Hutton I (a) N.G.F. ~~and~~ on Finschhafen operations and by a naval officer U.S.N. on photo interpretation.	
	27	1330	At request of acting Sqn S.2 A.L.O. interogated crews after Wewak mission.	
	30	0800	First of regular Sqn Daily Briefings- A.L.O. spoke on Ground situation and Escape Routes for Pilots.	

.....Capt.
O.C. 32 Aust. Sqn. A.L.Sec.

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28 Aust. Sqdn. A.L. Section

Unit....c/o..43rd..Bomb..Group.....5..A.F. *Date and Time.—From*..1st..November.....*To*30th..November....1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	1/11/43	A.M.	Section's office set-up to be located in Group Operations building. Requested by Group S-2 due to lack of space.	
" "	2/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe conferred with Capt. Horder of 65th Squadron and attended interrogation of A/C crew returned from recce. Cpl. Ellis proceeded to N.G.F. on duty.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended Group Briefing on Rabaul Strike.	
" "	3/11/43	A.M.	Cpl. Ellis visited N.G.F. H.Q. on duty (R.A.F. and G.Air)	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe and under treatment of Group Surgeon.	
" "	4/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe proceeded to N.G.F.HQ visiting G.Air and I.X., also visited 2/5 A.G.H. for consultation with specialist. To report tomorrow at 1400 hours.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe phoned Capt. Timms regarding Squadron's temporary move to Dobodura.	
" "	5/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F. HQ (G.Air and I.X) conferring with Capt. Lane regarding suggestion of attaching drivers to an LAD for instruction.	
			Lieut. Stokoe advised of Squadron's return to Jacksons at approx 1600 hours.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited 2/5th A.G.H. for consultation with bone specialist. To report again Thursday 9/11/43.	

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Unit.c/o..4.1.and..Bomb..Group.....5.A.F. *Date and Time.—From..1st..November.....To..30th..November....1943.*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	6/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F. HQ conferring with Capt. Lane and Capt. Timms.	
		P.M.	65th Squadron Map Set-up re-arranged.	
" "	7/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe conferred with 64th Squadron Intelligence Officer, Lieut. McDonough also with Squadron Executive Officers.	
		P.M.	Additional maps set up at 64th Squadron.	
			Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing by Group C.O. on Rabaul Strike (Cancelled).	
" "	8/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F.H.Q. conferring with Capt. Lane.	
			Returned with 2 Reinforcement clerks who will be instructed as to their duties with a section.	
			~~Office move to Operations building complete.~~	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing by Group C.O. on Rabaul Strike (Cancelled)	
			Cpl. Ellis returned the 2 clerks to N.G.F. HQ following training throughout the day.	
			Capt. Lane visited Section, proceeding to 64th Squadron to meet Executive Officers.	
" "	9/11/43	P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended 2/5th A.G.H. for treatment. Arranged for visit to 43rd Bomb Group of Aust 9th Div. Officers.	
" "	10/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe under treatment of Group Medical Officer.	
		P.M.	Visit of Aust. 9th Div. Officers to 65th Squadron successful.	
			Officers concerned were Capt. Sheldon and Lieut. Fergusson, both of whom talked on Jungle Warfare to Combat Crews.	

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Unit...c/o..43rd..Bom..Group.....5..A.F. *Date and Time.—From...1st..November.....To.30th..November...1943.* Page 3.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	11/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F.HQ conferring with Capt. Lane, then proceeded to Bom Com conferring with Capt. Timms regarding 43rd Group's move to Dobodura.	
" "	12/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited Group H.Q. interviewing Lt-Col Fleming re hospital report. Proceeded to N.G.F.HQ conferring with Capt. Lane re transportation etc at new location.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing by Group C.O. on Alexishafen Strike. Capt. Hodgson visited Section.	
" "	13/11/43	A.M.	Cpl. Ellis proceeded to N.G.F. HQ visiting Survey and G.Air.	
" "	14/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited Squadrons concerning Panphlet dropping.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe handed letter of thanks by 65th Squadron from Pilot of rescued crew. Referred to G.I Air.	
" "	15/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F. HQ conferring with Capt. Lane and Major Williams.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe proceeded to 4 A.C. Squadron conferring with Capt. O'Loan. Capt. Lane telephoned re issue of Jeep to Section prior to move to Dobodura.	
" "	16/11/43	A.M.	Major Board advised Lieut. Stokoe of meeting at Bom Com. Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F. HQ.	

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Unit. c/o 43rd Bomb Group 5 A.F. *Date and Time.—From* 1st November *To* 30th November 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	16/11/43	P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing on Satelberg Strike by Group C.O.	
			Lieut. Stokoe attended 65th Squadron briefing.	
			Major Williams and Capt. Lane visited Section, meeting Group Executive Officers.	
" "	17/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe finalised arrangements regarding Jeep Transfer.	
			Section's vehicle inspected by 212 L.A.D.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended interrogation of 65th Crew, later proceeding to N.G.F. with photo and map covering sighting during mission.	
			Lieut. Stokoe attended meeting of No. 1 Command Section A.L.O's at Bom Jom.	
			Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing on Satelberg Strike set for to-morrow.	
			~~Advised of Supply Drop. Cpl. Ellis proceeded to Bom Jom for~~ detailed instructions and maps.	
" "	18/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe took delivery of Jeep for Section, replacing Chevrolet Recce Car.	
			Lieut. Stokoe met guide for dropping mission - briefed crew and checked loading of A/C.	
" "		P.M.	Section's new vehicle checked at 212 L.A.D. and certain modifications carried out.	
			Lieut. Stokoe attended interrogation of crew which performed dropping mission. Bom Com, Angau, and G. Air advised.	
" "	19/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F. HQ regarding visit and lecture by Army Staff Officer.	
			Driving Instruction given to section on new vehicle.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing of crews on Wasmata Strike.	

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Unit. 28 Aust. Sqdn. A.L. Section c/o 43rd Bomb Group, 5 A.F. Date and Time.—From 1st November To 30th November 1943. Page 5.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	20/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe present at briefing of 65th Squadron Crews.	
			Lt.Col Housek, acting Group C.O. interviewed by Lieut. Stokoe regarding allotment of new A.L.O. to this Group. Allocation welcomed by C.O. and Squadron Intelligence Officers.	
		P.M.	Message received from Angau advising 100 percent recovery on supply drop mission. 403rd Squadron advised and pilot appreciated message.	
			Capt. Lane visited section.	
			Lieut. Stokoe advised of Supply Dropping Mission, proceeded to ~~Bom Bom at 2130 hours for orders. Angau contacted re guide.~~	
" "	21/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe met dropping guide at 0530 hours, proceeded to	
			65th Squadron and briefed crew of A/C carrying out mission.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe met incoming A/C on dropping Mission. Guide	
			attended interrogation and drop successful. Signal fires not seen clearly until right over area. Photos required not obtained as requested due to weather and unsuitable camera carried in A/C. Photos of Sepik River forwarded to G.Air.	
" "	22/11/43	A.M.	Major Board advised Lieut. Stokoe to meet Capt. May-Wilkie at	
			NGF HQ - to be A.L.O. with 43rd Bomb Group covering 65th and	
			403rd Squadrons. Marching in of Capt. May-Wilkie held up pending arrival of orders. During day new officer met all Squadron	
			Intelligence Officers, Group and Squadron executives.	
" "	23/11/43	A.M.	Capt. Graham, Group S-2 advised of new officer's appointment,	
			following discussion resulted in Major Jack, Group Operations Officer, requesting that both A.L.Os operate from Squadron and Group Operations.	

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Unit....c/o 43rd Bomb Group...5.A.F. *Date and Time.—From* 1st November *To* 30th November 1943. Page 6.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	23/11/43	P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited Bom Com conferring with Major Board re- [illegible] 43rd Bomb Group. Move to Lobucura - Squadrons map "Set-up" during move etc.	
" "	24/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited 65th Squadron, arranged packing of maps and method of transportation with Squadron Intelligence Officer Lieut. Bowman.	
" "	25/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F. HQ conferring with Intelligence (Topographical) regarding duty trip for member of that section on Supply Drop in Sepik River area. Considered important, enabling member to study terrain from the air. Group notified and ceing followed up.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended conference of A.L.O's and Intelligence Officers at Bom Com.	
			Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing by Group S.O. on Wewak Strike.	
			Capt. Lane visited section, obtaining copy of rescue cards carried by crews of this group.	
" "	26/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe handed escape maps to Squadron Intelligence Officers, warmly received.	
			Major Board advised Lieut. Stokoe of Capt. May-Wilkie's posting being in order and to commence duties to-day.	
" "		P.M.	Major Board installed Capt. May-Wilkie at 64th Squadron.	
			Lieut. Stokoe accompanied Major Jack, Operations Officer to scene of Aircraft crash in Pom Pom Valley. Liaison duties carried out with Aust. troops in vicinity who told Major Jack	

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Unit c/o 43rd Bomb Group 5 A.F. *Date and Time.—From* 1st November *To* 30th November, 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			of their observations prior to crash.	
New Guinea	27/11/43	A.M.	Further copies of Pilots' rescue cards forwarded to Capt. Lane and Capt. Hastings. Requested by Capt. Lane.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited Major Board discussing routine matters and also regarding promotion of Drivers to Clerks. Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing by Group C.O. on Wewak Strike, during which Lieut. Stokoe gave information regarding escape routes in the area.	
" "	28/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe and Capt. May-Wilkie discussed routine work within the Group.	
		P.M.	Major Board telephoned regarding Mission 330-A. Full particulars concerning interrogation and phoning of report given. Lieut. Stokoe attended interrogations of 65th Squadron Crews on Wewak Strike.	
" "	29/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited N.G.F.HQ conferring with G.II Air, Major Williams regarding Mission reports.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe advised to move on recreation leave. Capt. May-Wilkie to work from Group H.Q. - advised by Major Board.	
" "	30/11/43	A.M.	Lieut. Stokoe visited Bom Com conferring with Major Board.	
		P.M.	Lieut. Stokoe attended interrogation of 65th Sqdn. Lieut. Stokoe attended briefing by Group C.O. on Wewak Strike.	

D. Stokoe Lieut
28 Aust Sqdn Section

APPENDIX "F"

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Unit 26 AUST. SQN. A.L.S. SEC. 1 AUST. A.L. GROUP A.L.F. Date and Time.—From 1 NOV. 43 To 30 NOV 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
LAIOKI PORT MORESBY	1 - 20		Routine	
	21		MAJ. WILLIAMS And SQN. LDR. ORMOND (Instructors from RAAF School of Army Co-op., CANBERRA) visit the SQN to examine the Photographic set-up.	
	22		MAJ. DARNELL (C.O. of 6 Photo Group) and other Group officers arrive at 8 Photo Sqn.	
	23 - 30		Routine	

CAPT.
A.L.O. 8 Photo Sqn.

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Unit. 20 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
New Guinea	9.11.43.	1400/L	Capt Connor returned from Dobadura. Duties being A.L.O for 345 Group while missions were briefed and interrogated at Dobodura.	
" "	14.11.43.	1000/L	Capt Connor visited I(a) N.G.F.	
" "	17.11.43.	1330/L	Capt Connor attended A.L.O. meeting at V Bom. Com.	
" "	18.11.43.	1520/L	Capt Connor accompanied by Maj Nichols of 345 Group visited I (a) N.G.F. and A.N.G.A.U for information on Hostile Natives.	
" "	20.11.43.	0800/L	Capt Connor lectured to combat personnel of 498 Sqn.	
" "	23.11.43.	1430/L	Capt Connor visited A.N.G.A.U.	
" "	24.11.43.	1400/L	Capt Connor accompanied by Maj Nichols of 345 Group visited Bouna Fall and adjacent surroundings on liaison duties.	
" "	26.1143.	0830/L	Capt Connor lectured to combat personnel and S2 Intell. Officers of 498 Sqn on Escape Routes.	
" "	27.11.43.	1445/L	Capt Connor visited Maj Walters of A.N.G.A.U. and secured further information on escape routes.	
" "	28.11.43.	0945/L	Capt Connor flew on search mission No. 331 with 498 Sqn for any sightings of Capt Kizzire and crew 498 Sqn who crash landed in Karau Lagoon - Sepik Area.	
" "	30.11.43.	1000/L	Capt Connor with F/O Walsh of R.A.A.F visited RADAR installations for instructions on its specific use.	

20 Sqn A.L. Sec.

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Unit 16 AUST SQN AL SEC. 1 AUST AL GROUP Date and Time.—From 1 NOV 43 To 30 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	14 Nov 43		Cpl JONES marched out on 24 days Home Leave, being relieved by	
			NX5568 Cpl COOMBER R.H.	
"	27 Nov 43		Capt A HELLICAR rejoined Unit from 116 U.S. Hosp.	
"	28 Nov 43		As a result of Conference with 38 Group, this Section will now,	
			in addition, officially carry out Liaison duties with 405 Bomb Sqn.	

Flt Lieut Engl Sqn Ldr
1 O.C. 16 Aust. Sqn

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Unit I2 Aust Sqn AL Sect. Date and Time.—From I/II/43 To 30/II/43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DURAND FIELD.	2/II/43	I355	8 B-25's of the 405th squadron bombed and strafed shipping in SIMPSON'S HARBOUR from 1000ft altitude. Direct hits were scored on four transport and freighters - I heavy cruiser and I destroyer straffed. One of our planes crashed into the sea, but three of the five crew members were saved.	
" "	3/II/43	0950-I007	I7 B-25's of the 822nd and 823rd sqns., conducted a barge sweep from ALEXISHAFEN to BOGADJIM. A few barges in MILILAT Harbour were bombed while bridges and stores areas along the coast were also attacked. One of our planes crashed in water near BILI BILI Island. All 5 crew members seen in life raft shortly after.	
" "	9/II/43	I025	26 B-25's of the 405th, 822nd and 823rd sqns bombed and strafed grounded planes, supply and stores areas at Nos I & 2 Strips at ALEXISHAFEN. Several large fires were strated andseveral grounded planes destroyed.	
" "	I0/II/43	I050	I2 B-25s, 822nd sqn bombed and strafed grounded a/c at No 2 Strip at ALEXISHAFEN-results mainly unobserved.	
" "	I3/II/43	I050	9 B-25's of the 822 sqn bombed and strafed MADANG Township, BILIAU IS and the strip area with unobserved results.	
" "	22/II/43	II44	I7 B-25's of the 405 and 823rd sqns again attacked the strips and stores areas at ALEXISHAFEN, starting small fires but other results unobserved.	
" "	27/II/43	II3I	34 planes of the 822nd 823rd and 405th bombed and strafed stores and supply areas in LINDENHAFEN Plantation at GASMATA. Numerous small fires were started. Our attack followed immediately upon one made by the B-24's.	
			27 B-25's of the same three sqns bombed and strafed the strip, stores areas and supply areas at [illegible] - some bombs hitting in stores at Cape BORAM. Several fires started, other results unobserved. One plane of the 823rd sqn was seen to crash into the water I½ ml off Cape BORAM, due to A/A fire. Photos from this mission revealed an unusually large amount of stores in the target area.	
			At all briefings for the above missions, the undersigned was in attendance and informed the crews as to the importance of each target and the escape routes to be followed in the event of their being forced down anywhere near the target area.	

[signature] CAPT.
ALO-I2 Aust Sqn AL Section.

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1 Aust Comd AL Sec.
Unit 1 Aust Air Liaison Group AIF. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 1943 To 30 Nov 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY (Att. V Bomber Command H.Q.)	3 Nov 43	0930	WX 31178 Sgt. McDonnell, J.N. reported to Pre-Selection of Officers Board (Local) at Sub-Base MORESBY. Classified "A".	
	7 Nov 43	1045	ALO conducted Maj-General F.H. Berryman to transport aircraft on JACKSON as instructed by G (Air).	
	11 Nov 43	1700	WX 77399 Major D.G. Board (ALO V Bomber Command) marched in from leave on mainland. VX 45647 Capt. J.L. Timms (T/ALO V Bomber Command) marched out to 32 Aust Sqn. AL Sec.	
	12 Nov 43	0900	ALO arranged for Lieut. Panton to report to 822 Bomb. Sqn. of 38th Bomb. Group DURAND as visitor pending confirmation of posting to this Sqn as ALO.	
	13 Nov 43	1000	ALO visited 38th Bomb. Group, conferred with Major Tambere (C.O.) and Major Ellis (S-2) concerning postings of ALO's to 38th Bomb. Group Sqns.	
	16 Nov 43	2245	ALO arranged Air transport for Maj-General J.S. Lethbridge C.V.E., D.S.O. and party to DOBODURA on 17 Nov 43.	
	17 Nov 43	2245	ALO called meeting of ALO's (1 Aust Comd AL Sec) at V Bomber Command and arranged lecture by Major H. Overturf (USAF) on Japanese Air Force.	
	18 Nov 43	1000	ALO attended conference at 5 AF relative to Air Support info and photos. Present: Lt-Col. A.P. Fleming, Major J. London, Major Lonquist, Major Lehe Capt. Gentry, Capt. Henderson and ALO. It was decided that 5 AF compile photo coverage of areas in which Air Support missions were likely to eventuate.	
		1400	ALO instructed Capt. May-Milkie in duties and functions of ALO in NEW GUINEA.	
	19 Nov 43	0900	ALO arranged for Capt. May-Milkie to report to Capt. D. Craig (ALO - 90th Bomb. Group - HARDS) to acquire experience in Air Liaison duties with heavy bombardment Sqns.	
		1945	Major G. Williams and S/Ldr Allman (RAAF School of Army Co-operation) visited ALO.	

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n. 1906 Unit 1 Aust Comd AL Sec. 1 Aust Air Liaison Group Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 1943 To 30 Nov 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY (Att. to V Bomber Command H.Q.)	19 Nov 43	1400	ALO requested I (T) NGF for key-map showing spot heights of features, particularly in battle area, as such are required to ensure accurate bombing by sqns. carrying out Air Co-operation missions.	
	23 Nov 43	0900	ALO accompanied Capt. Dunning to 90th Bomb. Group and arranged for temporary attachment to this Group to acquire experience from Capt. D. R. Craig in duties and functions of ALO with heavy bombardment sqns.	
			ALO instructed Capt. May-Milkie to report to Lieut. R.F. Stokoe - 43rd Bomb. Group - JACKSON, pending posting as ALO to 2 sqns of this Group.	
	24 Nov 43		ALO arranged for 2 B25D-1s to proceed to DOBODURA and transport Maj-General J.S. Lethbridge, C.V.E. M.C. and party to MILNE BAY, GOODENOUGH IS and return to MORESBY.	
	25 Nov 43	1400	ALO called conference of ALO's (1 Aust Comd AL Sec.) at V Bomber Command and arranged lecture by Major Hutton (I (A) NGF) on FINSCHHAFEN Operations, also lecture by Lieut. Putman (U.S. Navy) on "Bomb Damage Assessment".	
	26 Nov 43	1700	Present: All ALO's, Group S/Capt., V Bomber Command S-2's and Sqn I.O's. ALO arranged air transport by 1 B25 aircraft (V Bomber Command) for Lieut-General Sir Leslie J. Morshead, K.C.B., K.B.E.,C.M.G., D.S.O., E.D. G.O.C. NEW GUINEA FORCE, extending over 27th, 28th and 29th November 43.	
	30 Nov 43	0930/1130	ALO visited and inspected ALO's maps and files at following Sqns:- 499th, 501st Bomb. Sqns. and 8 Photo Sqn.	

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1 Aust Comd AL Sec

Unit 1 Aust Air Liaison Group Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY (Att. to V Bomber Command H.Q.)	30 Nov 43		1 Aust Comd AL Sec Operations Log (Air Co-operation Missions) and Sqn. Sections War Diaries are attached as Appendices:-	
			Appendix "A" - 1 Aust Comd AL Sec Operations Log.	
			" "B" - 11 Aust Sqn. AL Sec War Diary Nov. and duplicate Oct.	
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C.C. 1 Aust Comd AL Sec.
1 Aust Air Liaison Group AIF.

APPENDIX "A"

OPERATIONS LOG

Date: 3 Nov 43 Mission No: 306 H (1) 9 B25-Gs 822nd Bomb. Sqn.

Target: Barge sweep from ALEXISHAFEN to BOGADJIM.

Results: 29 x 500 lb 4/5 sec delay demo bombs were dropped and 120 x 75 mm rounds were fired. 1 direct hit was scored on MAKLEY RIVER Bridge, destroying half of the bridge. Near misses were scored on GORI River bridge. Villages and buildings between ALEXISHAFEN and BOGADJIM were bombed with generally unobserved resutls. Possible enemy installations in target area were strafed with 2770 x .30 cal and 5460 x .50 cal.

Date: 3 Nov 43 Mission No: 306 H (2) 9 B25-Gs 823rd Bomb. Sqn.

Target: Barge sweep from ALEXISHAFEN to BOGADJIM.

Results: Runs were made generally from north to south along coastline starting at ODROBEG above ALEXISHAFEN. 28 x 500 lb 4/5 sec. delay demo bombs were dropped and 82 x 75 mm rounds were fired. 5 bombs dropped at 6 barges in Cove at MILITAT HARBOUR - 2 barges were definitely destroyed. Bombs were dropped at known hideouts along the coastline with unobserved results. Shell fire destroyed jetty at DEMASA and 2 barges in MILITAT HARBOUR. No barge activity was seen south of MADANG.
1 B25-G of this mission crashed in water just north of BILI BILI ISLAND.

Date: 17 Nov 43 Mission No: 320K (1) 10 B24s 64th Sqn.

Target: SATELBERG AREA.

RESULTS: Aircraft were unable to reach target due to weather. No attack was made.

Date: 17 Nov 43 Mission No: 320K (2) 9 B24s 65th Bomb. Sqn.

Target: Coastal village 1½ miles east of KWAMA RIVER-VINCKE POINT.

Results: The primary target in the SATELBERG area was not bombed due to weather. 2 B24s dropped 15 x 1000 lb inst demo bombs from 7700 feet and 7800 feet at a coastal village on VINCKE POINT. Bombs burst parallel to shore in kunai grass south of the village. Probable kunai fires were started.

Date: 17 Nov. 43. Mission No. 320 K (3) 8 B-24's 403rd Sqn.

Target: 8000 feet West of SATELBERG.

Results: 1 B-24 dropped 6 X 1000 lb. inst demo. Bombs at the target from 7400 feet. Bombs landed in the jungle with unobs. results. All other Airplanes were unable to find Tareget because of the weather.

Date: 17 Nov. 43. Mission No. 320 L. 7 B-24's 319th Sqn.
6 B-24's 320th Sqn.
12 B-24's 400th Sqn.
6 B-24's 321st Sqn.

Target: PRIMARY: SATELBERG. SECONDARY: KALASA VILLAGE. TERTIARY: AGO VILL/

Results. Nil attack made. Airplanes were unable to find the Target, because of weather.

APPENDIX "B"

WAR DIARY

11 Section.....1 Aust.Air Liaison Up.
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
1Nov.	Routine Duties. Vehicle taken to LAD for overhaul.
2 "	Routine Duties. Arranged with Capt Hohner NGF S&T for transportation while section vehicle at LAD. 1800/L Picked up vehicle from LAD. Obtained details of Supply Drop to party(Able Green) at Kiriyami, from Bomber Command. Arranged with ANGAU for guide,and Air Maintenance. 2200/L Picked up special photos and map from BomComm.
3rd.	0530/L Briefed Lt. Showalter's crew for Supply Drpp. Checked loading of plane. 0600/L Briefing for Rabaul Strike at Group. 0800/L Information passed on by IO 320th Sqdn. of B-24 believed crashed vicinity Kovu on Lakekamu River. Visited Base Hq, NGF and ANGAU for information. Indications that aircraft seen to crash was P-47. Nil observations by Sqdn. navigator, who flew over area in Moth. Arrahged with Major Whitlock Sqdn. Commander to visit area on foot. 1300/L Supply Drop failed account of weather. Area closed in. W/T report recieved from ground partythat aircraft was over area. Arranged for further attempt tomorrow, with later T/O to allow cloud cover to lift. Advice recieved from ground party that fires would be substituted by strips due to Japs in area
4 th	Briefing of Supply Drop and Rabaul strike. 1500/L Supply Drop successful. Low cloud made photos impossible except close ups of drop site. Copies sent to Bomcom, ANGAU and Air Maintenance .
5th	Capt Craig arranged with Hq AL Group to go inland and investigate missing B-24,320th Sqdn. Details of Bulldog L of C recieved from Lt.Col. Norris Base Area. Arranged to be flown in to Bulldog, by 4AC Sqdn. Dragon, with intention of travelling downstream to Terapo by barge.
6th.	1000/L Capt Craig took off with Capt Sledge 320Sqdn. and Lt. Hamilton AIB in D H Dragon from Berry strip. Flew route up Lakekamu River from Terapo to Bulldog. Capt Craig flew from Bulldog in Piper Cub with Lt. Edmann 36th Fighter Sqn.over Kovu and Grimm Point areas. 1700/L Party left by barge for Grimm Point, and recieved information from Capt Best O C Water Transport and Lt Hugo.
7th	Party left by barge forKovu. Inland investigation made, but search hopeless from the ground. Compass bearing taken to reference point where smoke from crash was seen by Cpl. Carlson Water Transport at Kovu staging area. Bearing 230deg. Party left by barge for Terapo. Interrogated Lt. Rich ANGAU and Lt Short Terapo D I D.
8th	1130/L Party left Terapo by Dragon, flew over 230deg bearing from Kovu. Search unsuccessful. Landed Berry strip. 1400/L Contacted Lt Edmann 36 Fighter Sqn who advised that area on 230deg bearing had been thoughly searched. Information passed on to Major Whitlock 320Sqn. Commander who considered further search fruitless. 2000/L Details recieved from ALO Bomcom for Supply Drop at Wabag.
9th	0630/L Briefing for Supply Drop and loading Checked. 1600/L Drop successful. Good panorama pictures taken and distributed to ANGAU,ALO Bomcom.,and Air Maintenance.
10th	Request recieved from ALO ANGAU,Goilala to ferry out 4 mission sisters to Kubuna, who had assisted stranded fliers. Arrangements made to oblige through 5 Fighter Command, with 2 Piper Cubs.

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WAR DIARY (ctd.)
11 Section.....1 Aust. Air Liaison Group
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
11Nov.	Routine Duties. Arrangements made with 4AC Sqn to fly out the rest of Lt. Smeltzers crew from Goilala. ANGAU entertained Lt Showalters crew 400Sqn, to dinner.
12th	2000/L Arranged for pamphlet dropping from weather ship to Alexisheffen Remainder of Lt Smeltzers crew flown out from Goilala. Capt Coffill 1 Aust Air Maintenance called re Supply Drop.
13th	Briefed air crews on ground situation for Group strike, Alexishaffen. RoutineDuties.
14th	0430/L Briefed air crews on ground situation for Group strike at Alexishafen. 1400/L Lectured 320th Sqn. crews.
15th	Briefed air crews on ground situation for Group strike, Alexishafen. Visited IA and G(Air) NGF. 2000/L Arranged for pamphlets for strike tomorrow.
16th	0430/L Briefing for crews on Group strike on But and Dagua. Mission cancelled due to weather. 1600/L Details recieved from ALO Bomcom re ground support mission at Satelburg. 2000/L Pamphlets,(Pigin for natives) procured from Bomcom. for dropping over strike area tomorrow.
17th	0430/L Capt Craig briefed crews for Group strike on Satelburg. 0700/L Capt Craig flew with 400th Sqn on mission. Mission abandoned at Salamoa,due to weather. 2000/L Visited Bomcom. for details of tomorrow's strike and Supply Drop. 2200/L Strike and Supply Drop cancelled.
18th	Routine Duties. 2000/L Bomcom with Supply Drop photos, also Capt Coffill 1 Aust Air Maintenance.
19th	0900/L Capt D G Lay-Wilkie attached to section for instruction. 1000/L Flt. Lt.E. Koch and Lt K. Eglington AIB, contacted section re Supply Drop to NewBritain patrols, vicinity Cape Orford,in lieu of 403Sqn. Arrangements made to initiate drops automatically with Group on receipt of request from AIB. Confirmed by Major Colloran Bomcom A-3 AIB advised ten(10) fliers, from various crews, had been picked up by patrols in New Britain.
20th	0600/L Briefing for strike on Ring-Ring plantation,Gasmata. 0800/L Lecture at Group by Capt Crowse 5 AF on "Escape from the Jungle" Lecture covered subsistence in jungle, did not cover escape routes or natives. 1000/L Arranged with AIB to brief crews for Supply Drop at 320Sqn. at1530/L. Details of planes alloted for loading communicated to 1 Aust. Air Maintenance. 1530/L AIB personnel briefed 320sqn crews for supply drop, with Capt Craig. Col.Roberts DMI,LHQ, present.
21st	0100/L Final briefing for 320Sqn drop to AIB patrols, New Britain. Checked loading of planes, 0900/L Interrogation- One plane dropped successfully, bomb racks failed on other. While dropping manually,was picked up by Zeros and obliged to depart with drop incomplete. 1000/L Took Capt Wilkie to HQLO,and ANGAU. 2000/L AIB request further drop 23 Nov. Arranged with 90th Group.

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WAR DIARY (Ctd)
11 Section.....1 Aust Air Liaison Group
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
22Nov.	0600/L Briefing for Group strike on Ring-Ring Plantation(New Britain) 0900/L Loading details of planes for New Britain drop, sent to 1 Aust Air Maintenance. 1700/L Supervised loading of parachute packs for AIB drop. After failure of 320thSqn bomb racks on last drop, arranged to have bombardier present, instead of crew chief, in order to run bomb stations through before loading. 1830/L Briefed 400Sqn. with AIB, for New Britain Supply Drop. 2000/L 90th Group decided to abandon projected search for 320th plane, thought to have crashed Bulldog-Yule area.
23rd	0100/L Final briefing 400Sqn, on New Britain supply drop. 0900/L Supply Drop interrogation- one aircraft dropped successfully, other plane recieved no ground signals, and returned without dropping. 1000/L ALO 5 Bomb Command brought round Capt R S Dunning for daily attachment to Group, pending posting to 320-1 Sqns as ALO vice Capt. Wilkie. 1400/L AIB request further drop to New Britain 24th Nov. Arranged with 90th Bomb Group. 2000/L message recieved from AIB patrol New Britain, that advice of Supply Drop had not been recieved, and signal fires were not ready when plane was over area.
24th	0100/L Briefed 320th&400th Sqn crews for Supply Drop. 0930/L Supply Drop interrogation- Both successful, photos taken. 1000/L Capt Dunning introduced to Group S-2's and brought up to date with current information. 2000/L Information collected from ALO 5 Bomb Command for Supply Drop to ANGAU party vicinity Sigamtok(Karawari River).
25th	0700/L Briefed 400Sqn (Lt McMullen) for Karawari Drop. 1000/L AIB requested further drop New Britain 26th Nov. Arranged with 90th Group, 319th Sqn allotted. Air Maintenance advised. 1400/L ALO conference at Bomcom. 1500/L Karawari drop successful, photos taken. 2000/L Inspection of photos at 8 Photo Sqn. 2100/L New Britain drop for tomorrow deferred due to weather. 2200/L ANGAU entertained supply drop Pilots and crews of 90th Group at Thanksgiving party.
26th	0400/L C-60 Courier crashed ref map Moresby 1" 848490. Plane discovered, details investigated and handed to Base Intelligence. 1400/L New Britain Supply Drop arranged for tomorrow morning.
27th	0100/L Briefed 319th Sqn with AIB for supply drop. Ground fog delayed T/O until too late for first light arrival at dropping area. Arranged for aircraft to take off from Dobodura this afternoon and stage out of there following morning. 0900/L HQ 1 Aust. AL Group advised of official posting of Capt. Dunning to 320th Sqn., and to command 38 Aust AL Section. 1330/L Capt Craig flew with Lt. Jacobson's crew to Dobodura, for T/O on New Britain supply drop following day. Arrived 1430/L.
28th.	Capt Craig visited G-Air Aust Corps instead of going on drop.

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WAR DIARY (ctd)
11 Section.....1 Aust AL Group
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
28th Nov (ctd)	Arranged for Lt Jacobson to call in at Bobodura on return from mission 0416/L Lt Jacobsoh's plane crashed on T/O. 8 killed. Report made by airfield OPS.
	1000/L Other 319th plane abandoned drop and returned to base.
	1400/L Advised that AIB patrols pursued, other projected drops to be cancelled until new locations advised.
29th	Routine Duties.
30th	0100/L Pamphlets loaded on Weather ship to Madang, also strike. Pamphlets dropped over target area.
	0600/L Group Briefing for strike, Cape Glousester and Alexishafen. On occasions time not available, prior to T/O for briefing on ground situation, and only one Sqn. can be dealt with at Sqn. briefing Even though missions return to same targets, constant briefing on ground situation is necessary, due to changes and participation of new air crews, and other special conditions. For future operations it is proposed to circulate Sqns, prior to briefing, latest situation briefly by teletype, for Sqn S-2's with any necessary comments at Group briefing.
	1300/L Investigated the possibility of dropping pamphlets in RAAF flares, together with Sgt. Stumbles FELO. Fitted flare to Liberator bomb rack to ascertain necessary adjustments to flare attachments.
	1400/L Lt. Eglington RANVR AIB called for information for dropping 4 chute packs to New Britain Patrols. Recommended B-25 and sent him to 5 Bomcom.
	2000/L Arranged pamphlets for weather ship to Nowak

.....Capt.
11 Section
1 Aust AL Group AIF

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14th Aust Sqn A.A. Section.

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0001 hrs 1/11/43 to 2359hrs 30/11/43

Unit 1 Aust Air Liaison Gp A.I.F. Date and Time.—From ____ To ____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
Port Moresby	1/11/43		Capt Hastings, attended lecture, on ground situation.
" " "	8/11/43		Capt Hastings attended lecture, on ground situation.
" " "	14/11/43		Cpl Wicks, joined section, and, Cpl King, marched out to leave. Capt Hastings visited 39th Sqn: Fighter Command; C.O. of A.L. Gp; G(air) and N.G.F. in connection with Escape Route Maps.
" " "	20/11/43		Capt Hastings, attended lecture to all pilots, by Capt Krause,(Allied Intelligence Bureau), on evasion and escape.
" " "	23/11/43		New escape Route Maps, received, and placed in position
" " "	27/11/43		Capt Hastings visited Maj Walsh,(AHQAU), and Maj Small (V Fighter Command), regarding possible escape routes from Wewak area.
" " "	30/11/43		Capt Hastings, and Lieut Simmons,(I A N.G.F.), visited Maj Tuttle and Maj Small,(VFighter Command), in connection with barge hideouts, on Rai Coast as targets, for Fighter Air Craft.

(Brian Hastings) Captain.

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Unit 4 Aust Comd AL Sec 1 Aust AL Group A.I.F

Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 10 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
V Fighter Command PORT MORESBY.	1 Nov 43.		ALO paid visit to HQ NGF for the purpose of gaining the latest infm on the situation at FINSCHHAFEN and Middle RAMU Valley. Conversed with Intelligence Section, Air Section. Also discussed POW information with A.T.I.S.	
	3 Nov		ALO proceeded to DOBODURA Area by air accompanied by Lt.Col WELK - A-2, V Fighter Command. Visited several Squadrons, HQ of the First Air Task Force, and HQ 2 Aust Corps. Visited ORO BAY and inspected shipping facilities.	
	4 Nov		ALO visited SOPUTA, CAPE KILLERTON, BUNA and closely inspected the Jap type of defences in these areas.	
	5 Nov		ALO moved by Air from DOBODURA to PORT MORESBY. G1 (Air) visited V Fighter Command. A discussion on Radar matters generally.	
	10 Nov		ALO visited 8 Fighter Group and HQ NGF.	

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Unit 4 Aust Comd AL Sec 1 Aust AL Group AIF. Date and Time.—From 12 Nov 43 To

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
V Fighter Command PORT MORESBY	12 Nov		OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec left for CHARTERS TOWERS where he will lecture at the ~~Fighter~~ Fighter Replacemnt School. From Charters Towers will proceed on 24 days recreational leave. During his absence, Capt A.B.HASTINGS, ALO 14 Aust Sqn AL Sec attached to 8 Fighter Group, to attend to ALO duties V Fighter Command in addition to his own.	
			Attached hereto are copies of War Diaries 14 & 31 Aust Sqn AL Secs. for the month of Nov 43.	
			A.B. Hastings Capt. for Major OC 4 Aust Comd AL Sec.	

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Unit 27 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec., 1 Aust Air Liaison Gp AIF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	1 Nov 43		Capt. ABEY proceeded to PORT MORESBY - conferred with H.Q.	
			1 Aust A.L. Gp and G (Air) H.Q.F.	
	1 Nov 43 to 21 Nov 43		Section with 100 Squadron RAAF and 6 Squadron RAAF.	
			a. Daily liaison maintained with Milne Bay Base Sub Area and 9 Operational Group RAAF.	
			b. A/A training flights arranged for 235 Aust A.A. Bty.	
			c. Arranged for regular supply dropping to H.Q.F. Air Warning Wireless Cov's island outposts - both Squadrons participating.	
			d. Weekly addresses of week's SWPA operations given to all ranks 45 O.B.U. RAAF.	
MILNE BAY	11 Nov 43		VX 9291 L/Cpl CHATER P.C. posted to Section as Driver-Batman	
GOODENOUGH	22 Nov 43		Capt. ABEY and SX17978 Pte WARD D.F. proceeded to GOODENOUGH ISLAND.	

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27 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec.,
Unit 1 Aust Air Liaison Gp AAF. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GOODENOUGH	23 Nov 43		Conferred with A.L.O. 2 O.G. (Adv) re assuming duties as A.L.O. 71 WING RAAF.	
GOODENOUGH	24 Nov 43		Conferred with Wing Cond. FELLY, C.O. 71 WING RAAF, re assuming duties as A.L.O. 71 WING RAAF.	
GOODENOUGH	25 Nov 43		Section set up at 71 WING SQDN OPERATIONS ROOM. Liaison duties maintained with Nos 3, 8, 75, 77 and 100 Squadrons RAAF.	

CAPT.
A.L.O. 27 Aust Sqdn A.L. Section.

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Unit A.L.O. attached to 19 Bomb Sqn, USAAF. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	~~Hour~~	Summary of Events and Information	~~Remarks and references to Appendices~~
	1		Mission to SATELBERG cancelled due to weather. Air crew personnel on stand-by until 1400 hrs. Contacted 5 Bom Comd Capt Timms. Securing ALO's Bulletins for distribution to 408, 33, 19 and 2 Sqns. Contacted N G Force G Air. Arranging for series of photographs from 8 photo sec. Assisting IO. General Liaison duties.	
	2		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Contacted 5 Bomb Comd, Capt Timms, re information summaries etc. ~~Distribution to Sqns. Contacted stationery re supplies etc. General Liaison duties.~~	
	3		Sqn alerted to move to Dobodura, returning transport. Contacted 408, 33, 19 and 2 Sqns and made distribution. Contacted 5 Bomb Comd re maps etc. Contacted 5 Air Force re photographs and 22 Gp re return of maps etc. Sqn returned to DOBODURA; landed 1430. Contacted Capt Stephens, ALO, FATF, re instructions.	
	4		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Contacted 11 Aust Div, 2 Aust Corps, ALO, Capt Stephens, FATF, securing maps, information, intelligence summaries etc. Jeep out of commission for repairs etc.	
	5		Mission No. 308 DD. 6 B26s 19 Sqn. Close support for Infantry, BOGADJIM area. ATD 0805 TOT 1000 ATA 1140. ~~Results - All bombs observed to fall in the area designated by artillery smoke bracket. Results were unobserved~~ through thick timber; smoke from previous flights over the target area was observed. Explosions from own a/c were observed among trees along the crest of the ridge and along the river bed to the NE of the designated target area. 8½ tons - 150 x 100 lb inst demo. Nil enemy sightings, Nil opposition. 1 a/c returned to base shortly after take off due to engine trouble. Bombs were salvoed in kunai grass south of CAPE WARD HUNT. A further a/c did not drop bombs due to failure of bomb doors to open. Weather overcast to and from the target. All a/c reported indications excellent and could be seen for approximately 3 miles as a/c circled the area. Bombing was considered accurate.	
	6		~~Sqn alerted, proposed mission on KIARI Village by 22 Gp. Briefing FATF. Sqn stand down at 1400 hrs. Contacted 33 Sqn~~ ALO, FATF, 22 Group HQ with regard to mission etc.	
	7		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Later alerted for proposed strike on KIARI Village. Cancelled because of weather 1600 hrs. Maintenance to jeep. ALO, 345 Fighter Sqn, Capt Gedsted remaining at Sqn for proposed further missions. Contacted 11 Aust Div, ALO., FATF, re photographs, maps etc.	
	8		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Flew to MORESBY on Sqn duty. Contacted 5 Air Force, 5 Fighter Command, 5 Bomb Comd, G Air, NGF, re information, mail, photographs. Returned to DOBODURA 1500 hrs. Weather overcast, ~~heavy rain. Contacted DAQMG, Major Bailey, 11 Aust Div, Capt Stephens, ALO, FATF, re leave for Capt Turner and clerk for~~ Capt Haley, ALO, 2 Sqn.	
	9		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Contacted 11 Aust Div LO, Capt Braddock, ALO, 89 Sqn. Rearranging maps to agree with new situation. Contacted ALO., FATF, Capt Stephens. Sqn alerted for move to MORESBY, land JACKSONS FIELD. Take off 0900 hrs 10 Nov 43. All Sqns 22 Gp to move. Acting ALO with 408, 2, 33 and 19 Sqns.	

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Unit ALO., 19 Sqn, attached to USAAF. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	~~Hour~~	Summary of Events and Information	~~Remarks and references~~
MORESBY	10		19 Bomb Sqn move to MORESBY. Take off 0930 hrs arrived JACKSON's 1015; based with 500 Sqn. Contacted 5 Bomb Comd and NGF re transport. Contacted 22 Gp HQ at 343 Gp HQ. Mission scheduled briefing 1930 hrs. Contacted all Sqns 22 Gp. Pamphlet dropping arranged over ALEXISHAFEN. Bomb trailer and transport not available. All crews remained up all night loading bombs.	
MORESBY	11		Sqn alerted at 0730. Briefing at 0830 for mission to ALEXISHAFEN area. Contacted 5 Bomb Comd and NGF re transport arrangements. Sqn taken off alert 1130 hrs. Orders report immediately to DOBODURA. Bombs unloaded and take off 1330 ~~Weather completely closed in to 16,000 ft. Only three a/c got through, remainder returned to JACKSON'S field and based~~ with 489 Sqn. Contacted ALO., 5 Bomb Comd.	
MORESBY	12		Remaining a/c take off for DOBODURA 0730. One a/c had motor cut at 12,000 ft and returned to MORESBY to rectify trouble. ALO was with this a/c and remained all day awaiting a/c to be got back into commission. Remained overnight in MORESBY quartered 500 Sqn. Sqn engaged on M & T. Nil activity.	
MORESBY	13		Left MORESBY 0730 for DOBODURA. Sqn conducted mission No.315BB. TOT 1557 to 1606. Task to bomb stores and personnel in wooded area East of KIARI Village. 6 B26s Height 3000 ft. Two flights bombed the target and all bombs fell in target ~~area. Bombing considered accurate. Resultant damage unobserved through thick timber. 0½ tons 100 lb inst demo was~~ dropped. Nil A/A Nil sighting. One Bombardier was injured when the gun jammed and bsch-fired.	
MORESBY	14		Sqn engaged on M & T. Nil activity. Contacted 11 Div, 2 Aust Corps re maps. Contacted ALO., FATF, re information, maps etc. Arrenging new situation maps, Sqn duties and Intelligence work.	
MORESBY	15		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Contacted ALO., FATF re information possible mission FINSCHHAFEN area. Securing maps, photo maps of target areas. Contacted 480 Supply re equipment material etc. Contacted 11 Aust Div re electrical fittings for Sqn and Aust Defence Canteens for Sqn PX. Briefing for mission 1930 hrs at 22 Gp HQ. Securing ~~photographs, arranging briefing date with I.O.~~	
MORESBY	16		Mission No.319 BB Target - Personnel and store dump areas FIOR and WAREO in support of ground forces. 4 B26s made the attack from 4500 ft. All bombs were observed to fall in the target area N and S of the Suspension Bridge situated NE of FIOR Village. Bomb explosions were observed throughout the area and black smoke was seen to rise as a/c left the area. Results were not apparent through heavy timber. Bombing considered accurate. 7½ tons of bombs were dropped. Photos were taken. Nil enemy sightings; opposition Nil. The undercarriage collapsed on one machine before the take off injring one Bombardier and completely wrecking the a/c. Contacted ALO., FATF and 22 Gp HQ re briefing for Mission on 17 Nov. Securing maps, photographs, assisting Sqn I.O.	
MORESBY	17		Briefing for Mission No.320BB. Target - Ground support SATELBERG Area. 7 B26s made 5 to 6 runs over the target area which was completely clouded in. All bombs were returned to base. Nil enemy sightings, Nil opposition. Weather estimated 6/8/10 low cumulus clouds 2000ft over target. Scattered clouds and heavy rain squalls moving E towards FINSCHHAFEN. Contacted 22 Gp re briefing for mission on 18 Nov. Contacted 2 Aust Corps and ALO., FATF re photographs etc.	

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Unit ALO, 19 Bom Sqn attached to USAAF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
[illegible]	18		Briefing for mission No.321AA close support for Ground Forces SATELBERG area. 6 B26s bombed the target from 5000 ft all bombs were observed to fall in the target area estimated to contain supplies and personnel. Explosions, smoke and dust and one large flash followed by an explosion was observed in the centre of the target area (probably ammo dump). Actual damage could not be ~~xxxxx~~ accurately assessed through thick timber. 7½ tons were dropped and photos were taken on both bombing runs. Nil enemy sightings, opposition nil. Weather was estimated 5/10 cumulus clouds 8000 ft over target area. A front was observed developing eastwards towards LAE. Briefing 22 Gp for mission 19 Nov.	
[illegible]	19		~~Sqn briefing for mission No.32[illegible]. 6 B26s bombed MULUNGTUFU Village, buildings store dumps and personnel from 5,500 ft~~ Bombs were observed to overshoot target area. Two flights bombed the target area coming in from the E and W in opposite directions. Bombs fell in the timber to the W of the target and within 50 yds of the Village. No apparent damage to buildings or village. 7½ tons of bombs were dropped and photos were taken. Nil sightings, nil opposition. Failure to hit the target appeared to be an inaccuracy in estimating the height of the target causing bombs to over shoot.	
[illegible]	20		Contacted 7 Corps, ALOs weekly meeting HQ. Briefing 22 Gp for mission for 20 Nov. Sqn briefing for mission No.323BB. 8 B26s bombed MULUNGTUFU and BOPONG Villages in support of Ground Forces, between 0958 and 0959 hrs from a height of 7300 ft. Two runs were made over both targets. All bombs were observed to blanket both target areas. The mission and five buildings were destroyed in MULUNGTUFU Village. 3 buildings were destroyed in BOPONG Village and hits were observed on tracks through the timber W and S of the village. 12 tons bombs were dropped Photos were taken. Nil enemy sightings. Numerous tracks were observed and buildings for the most part appeared comparatively new and well used. No opposition. Contacted 11 Aust Div, 2 Aust Corps, 2, 3& and 4C6 Sqns and ALO., FATF.	
[illegible]	21		Sqn opened Officers' Club. All Commanding Officers present. Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Contacted Capt Chusteph, USN Comd Base, Spent the day with ~~xxxx Australian and [illegible] Naval Officers and Officers from the Capt. Reported Barges, LCTs and Destroyers in the Bay.~~ Contacted ALO., FATF and 11 Aust Div.	
[illegible]	22		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Usual morning discussion with all Officers on ground situation, bomb lines etc. Assisting I. O. in arranging target photos and target map for discussion with combat crews. Contacted 2 Aust Corps, Major Ogilvie, 22 Gp I.O. and Capt Stephens, FATF.	
[illegible]	23		Sqn engaged on M & T transition for new pilots. Contacting 480 Service Gp re stationary etc and Intelligence supplies. ~~Contacted 11 Div Engineers re parts for Allis Chalmer Tractor for Sqn C.O. Contacted 3 Group re photos films etc.~~ Arranging talks for combat crews. Briefing at 22 Gp for mission to KALASA Village . Arranging maps, photos, briefing material etc.	
[illegible]	24		Mission 327BB, 10B26s TOT 0830 Bomb KALASA Village Buildings store dumps etc. 9 B26s Bombed Village from 5500 ft. All bombs observed to fall in target area. Bombing considered accurate and effective. Direct hits observed on buildings and explosions, fires and smoke were observed throughout area. 12 ½ tons bombs dropped. A/c took photographs. Sightings included barges etc along coast which were reported. 1 a/c returned to base with engine trouble. Phamplets dropped over area. Interrogation of crews and assisting Intelligence Officer.	

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Unit ALO, 19 Bomb Sqn, attached USAAF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	~~Remarks and references to Appendices~~
	25		Sqn engaged on M and T. Nil activity. Transition for new pilots. American Thanks Giving Day. Contacted ALO., FATF, Capt Stephens, re probable mission for 19 Sqn. Briefing at 22 Gp 2100 hrs for mission by the four Sqns on Barge Hide outs and possible stores, NAMBARIWA River, 4 Miles SE of SIO.	
	26		Briefing for mission NAMBARIWA River area. MissionNo 329AA. 9 B26s. Over target 0954. 8 B26s bombed the target from 4800 Bombing considered accurate. Small fires and brown smoke were observed in the area. 11½ tons bombs. Photos were taken of bombing runs. Sightings of barges were previously reported. 1 a/c returned and two a/c had bombs hung up. ~~Both salvoed over GONA wreck. Weather clear, visibility good. Contacted 2 Aust Corps and Capt Stephens, ALO., FATF,~~ re maps. photographs etc. Contacted Lieut Horan, ALO., 33 Sqn with regard to leave to Sydney and necessary work in hand.	
	27		Sqn engaged on M and T. Contacting 22 Gp with I.O.. Inspection for Jeep at LAD, SOPUTA. Contacted 11 Div I.O.. Arranging Canteen Supplies for Sqn PX. Sqn meeting and discussions. Briefing 22 Gp for mission on BUNGA-WAREO Track in support of Ground Forces.	
	28		Sqn briefing for mission No.331DD in which 7 B26s bombed BONGA-WAREO Track in support 9 Aust Div. Altitude of attack ~~5500 ft. Two runs were made over the target and all bombs were dropped on the second run. Bombing was accurate and~~ all bombs fell in target area. Explosions, dust and smoke were observed but actual damage could not be ~~assessed~~ though thick timber. 10 tons of bombs were dropped and photographs were taken of bombing. Sightings were observed and reported immediately a/c returned. Weather - clear, visibility good. Contacted 43 Gp H.Q. re situation maps and assistance etc. Contacted Intelligence Officer, 33 Sqn. Delivered summary, discussed situation ~~&c~~ etc. Briefing 22 Gp for mission on Store Dumps and personnel area CAPE GLOUCESTER.	
	29		~~Mission No. 332BB 9 B26s Bomb supply dumps and personnel areas CAPE GLOUCESTER. Over target 0905/29L Altitude 10,000 ft. All bombs dropped to the right of the target area in clearing; no apparent damage was observed. 11 tons of bombs were dropped and photographs were taken of the bombing. Sightings were negligable although bombing from other Sqns of the 22 Group appeared accurate. Nil Interception AA light medium inaccurate. Pamphlets were dropped over target area. Contacted 33 Sqn, 63 Sqn re information, summarys. Bringing up to date situation maps etc.~~	
	30		~~Sqn engaged on M and T. Mission 333 was conducted by 2 B26s in search in HUON GULF area for lost P38. Time of search 1300L to 1655L. Nil sightings were reported. A quantity of oil drums and debris were generally scattered over the area of the search which was made from altitudes of 500 to 1000 ft. A small rowing boat with two oars was observed unattended at 1446L position 06 degrees 50 minutes South 147 degrees 28 minutes East. Weather - clear, visibility unlimited. Contacted 2 Aust Corps and ALO., FATF. Rearranging strat maps 63 Sqn. Briefing for mission 22 Group H.Q. at 0930 hrs.~~	

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Unit 42 Aust Sqn Air Liaison Section Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43 Page 1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA N.G.	1 to 4 Nov		Time occupied in training and maintenance.	A Staley Capt.
	5 Nov. 43		Mission to FAMIA VALLEY . Jap posns successfully bombed. ALO's meeting.	A Staley Capt.
	6 Nov.		Training and maintenance.	A Staley Capt.
	7 Nov.		Addressed Sqn on latest position in New Guinea.	A Staley Capt.
	8 Nov.		Col. Barham G2 NG Force visited Group. accompanied by Sqn/L Busby.	A Staley Capt.
	9 Nov.		Tpr. C.G. Samuel reported for duty as clerk. Pte. N. Walsh transf to 33 Sqn.	A Staley Capt
	10 Nov.		Sqn visited MORESBY. 498 Sqn arrived in its place.	A Staley Capt
	11 Nov.		Sqn staging at MORESBY.	A Staley Capt.
	12 Nov.		Sqn returned from MORESBY. ALO's meeting.	A Staley Capt.
	13 Nov.		Training and maintenance.	A Staley Capt.
	14 Nov.		Training and maintenance.	A Staley Capt
	15 Nov.		Lecture on AA.	A Staley Capt
	16 Nov.		Accompanied Sqn on mission to KALUENG RIVER.	A Staley Capt
	17 Nov.		Training and maint. Lecture at 1800 hrs on Escape.	A Staley Capt.

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Unit 42 Aust Sqn Air Liaison Section Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43 (Page 2)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	18 Nov 43		Accompanied Sqn on mission to 534098 (Ref BATELBERG 1 to 25,000)	A Bailey Capt
	19 Nov 43		Accompanied Sqn on mission to KULUNGTUFU. Very successful strike. ALO'S meeting.	A Bailey Capt.
	20 Nov		Accompanied Sqn on mission to BERIBENG & MAGADZEDZU. Strike considered very satisfactory.	A Bailey Capt
	21 Nov		Training and maintenance.	A Bailey Capt
	22 Nov.		Accompanied Sqn on mission to point 1½ m. w of WARKO. B Flight successful.	A Bailey Capt
			A Flight poor.	
	23 Nov		Accompanied Sqn on mission to MORENG. Bombing unsuccessful. Lecture on Radar 1800 hrs.	A Bailey Capt.
	24 Nov		Sqn carried out successful mission to KALASA.	A Bailey Capt.
	25 Nov.		Training and maintenance.	A Bailey Capt
	26 Nov.		Accompanied Sqn on mission to bomb barge hideouts at NAMBARWA. Army	A Bailey Capt.
			later reported this strike as most successful. ALO's meeting.	
	27 Nov.		Accompanied Sqn on mission to drop supplies to 2/32 Bn at 637732 (Ref	A Bailey Capt
			map FORTIFICATION POINT 1 : 25,000.	
	28 Nov		Accompanied Sqn on mission to 628729 (ref map FORTIFICATION PT 1 : 25,000. Strike successful.	A Bailey Capt.

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Unit 42 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43 (Page 3)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	29 Nov 43		Sqn successfully bombed supply dumps near dromes at CAPE GLOUCESTER.	A Staley Capt.
	39 Nov 43		Lecture on natives - their foods and customs.	A Staley Capt.

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Unit 13 Aust Sqn AL Sec — Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
[illegible]	5 Nov		Lieut ANDERSON attended conference of ALO's at FATF	Ross Anderson Lieut
[illegible]	12 Nov		Lieut ANDERSON attended conference of ALO's at FATF	Ross Anderson Lieut
[illegible]	17 Nov		Squadron bombed MASAMUO village, JAP forward position, as prelude to assault on [illegible] by 26 Bde 9 Aust Div.	Ross Anderson Lieut
[illegible]	18 Nov		Discussed with Squadron CO the difficulties of properly assessing damage done and observation of results as reported by crews, and arranged with him to go on the next mission as an observer in order to gain personal experience of observation.	Ross Anderson Lieut
[illegible]	19 Nov		Attended conference of ALO's at FATF	Ross Anderson Lieut
[illegible]	26 Nov		Attended conference of ALO's at FATF	Ross Anderson Lieut

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Unit 3 AUST COMD A.L. SECTION. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov. 43 To 10 Nov. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MOROTUBA	1 Nov.		Normal operational duties.	
"	2 Nov		Continous flow of information re RABAUL strike passed to 2 Aust Corps.	
"	3Nov		Mjr.Lovett, Capt, Percival, Capt. Staley, Lt. Horan, Capt. Quinn and Mjr. Belfour-Ogilvie visted for discussion on yesterdays strike.	
"	4 Nov		Capt. Stephens conference with A.L.O.s 22Bomb Group re to-morrows army support strike.	
"	5 Nov		Capt. Stephens had conference with A.L.Os, 22 Bomb Groups re to-morrows strike. Meeting of A.L.Os, special discussion on army targets.	
"	6 Nov		Normal operational duties.	
"	7 Nov		Capt. Belfour-Ogilvie and Capt. Quinn visited Capt. Stephens. Capt.Stephens visited 3 Bomb Group.	
"	8 Nov		Capt. Staley and Capt. Percival visited. Lt. Knight, F.E.L.O. rep. visited for discussion on leaflet dropping.	
"	9Nov		Normal operational duties.	
"	10 Nov		Large scale briefing of I.Os, and Pilots on to-morrows RABAUL strike, A.L.Os, attended. ALO's ~~attended~~ 22Bomb Group reallocated to look after visiting squadrons.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	11 Nov		Normal operational duties.	
"	12 Nov		ALO's conference discussion on army targets.	
"	13 Nov		Brigadier Wells, BGS 2Aust Corps, and Mjr. Balfour- Ogilvie visited to discuss AS targets for a period of five days to support 9 Aust Div. All necessary arrangements made for movement of ALO's with squadrons to new areas.	
"	14 Nov		Normal operational duties.	
"	15 Nov		Capt. Derham visited to introduce Capt. Harland, G 311 Air 2 Aust Corps. CO 1Aust AL Group visited.	
"	16 Nov		ALO's 22Bomb Group briefed on to-morrows air support mission.	
"	17 Nov		Capt. Stephens visited IO 3 Bomb Group.	
"	18 Nov		Arranged series of Air Support targets for 9 Aust Div.	
"	19 NOV		ALO's conference.	
"	20 Nov		Normal operational duties.	
"	21 Nov		Col. Devine and Capt. Stephens met members of the Lethbridge Mission. Capt. Turner and Capt. Staley visited.	
"	22 Nov		Normal operational duties.	

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Unit 3 AUST COMD AL SECTION — Date and Time.—From 23 Nov 43 — To 30 Nov43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	23 NOV		Mjr. Balfour- Ogilvie visited for discussion on AS targets.	
"	24 NOV		Capt. Turner and Capt. Braddock visited.	
"	25 NOV		Normal operational duties.	
"	26 NOV		K ALO's conference. Col. Dexter, Washington Inspector, visited.	
"	27 NOV		Mjr. Balfour-Ogilvie and Sqn. Ldr. Honey visited, Arranged [illegible] of AS targets for 9 Aust Div.	
"				
"	28 NOV		Capt.Percival and Lt. Merton visited.	
"	29 NOV		Discussion with Col. Dexter, Washington Inspector, on Army methods of liaison with Air Force.	
"	30 NOV		Capt. Bawden visited to discuss details of operations with 82 Reco. Squadron.	

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29 Aust Sqn A.L. Section,
1 Aust A.L. Group, AIF. H/Q 475FIGHTER GROUP November 43

DATE	INFORMATION	REMARKS
1943 1 November	Group briefing of all pilots for forthcoming RABAUL raids. Ground situation in NEW BRITAIN outlined, areas where assistance if forced down can be expected.	Two of our pilots shot down on 2 Nov now believed to be safe with Allied personnel awaiting to be picked up and returned to squadron.
2 November	ALO gave talk to enlisted men of 432 Squadron, outlining activities in SWPA since 7 Dec, 41. This talk was at the request of the Sqn Commander - Maj. Tomkins.	
3 November	Maj. Lovett's visit. Stayed at Group H/Q until 5 Nov. Then returned to Moresby.	
12 November	First of Weekly Command Sect meetings held at FATF HQ.	
13 November	Patrols over shipping carrying troops and supplies to FINSCHAFEN throughout the day. No enemy interception.	
15 November	Patrols throughout the day over 9 Aust Div area. Patrolled Allied shipping. Visited by Capt. HARLAND, new G 3 Air, 2 Aust Corps. Showed him "set-up" and explained functions of fighter ALO.	
18 November	Covered bomb strike in support of our ground forces on SATELBERG. 1 Sqn of group only. Bombing reported to be extremely accurate.	
19 November	Patrols over FINSCHAFEN by 431 and 432 sqns. No interception. Also escorted B25s on barge hunt to GLOUCESTER and RIEL BAY (NEW BRITAIN). Casualties inflicted on barges of troops and supplies located by B25s. Today the 39, 9 and 80 Sqns, all of whom have been flying P38s handed their aircraft over to this group. It is, therefore, the only group of Lockheed Lightnings on the island and the only composite twin engine fighter group.	

DATE	INFORMATION	REMARKS
1943 19 November (Cont)	~~Also, it is the only composite twin engine fighter group~~ This has been brought about by insufficient replacements of P38s to offset recent losses. A late 6 plane patrol (1700 hours) of 432 Sqn intercepted 15 Jap bombers and 17 fighters about to bomb 9 Aust Div positions. The bombers were split up before making their bombing runs and forced to jettison their bombs into the sea. No bombs were dropped on the FINSCHAFEN area. 1 bomber was destroyed.	
20 21 November	Day long "CHANGE OVER" patrols of FINSCHAFEN area by all three Squns of group. All Sqn I.Os briefed on ground situation for forthcoming heavy Allied raids on GASLATA. Maps received from 2 Aust Corps distributed to all Sqns.	
22 - 23 24 November	Escort bombers giving air support to 9 Aust Div troops in SATELBERG sector. Arrival of 1 Aust A.L. Group Standing Orders, acknowledged accordingly.	
25 November	Escort to 4 B25s dropping food supplies and ammunition to forward troops of 9 Aust Div in SONG RIVER area.	
26 November	Submitted to H/Q, 1 Aust A.L. Group, suggested amendments to Fighter ALO mission report shown as Appendix 2, 1 Aust A.L. Group Standing Orders. Several additional items are added with the idea of passing to G air a slightly fuller report without sacrificing brevity.	
28-29-30 November	Group provided escort to direct support missions to 9 Aust Div troops in the SATELBERG-FIOR-WAREO-SONG RIVER areas. No enemy interception during these three days of escort and patrols.	

DATE	INFORMATION	REMARKS
1943		
1 - 30 November	Throughout the month odd items have been covered on behalf of the group by ALO. Three times weekly, the ground situation - in broad outline only - for this theatre, has been prepared for the news broadcast at group theatre prior to showing of movies. During Gary Cooper's visit to group on 20 Nov, items of interest to him were passed on about our A.L. organization in an informal chat. Damien Parer, war photographer, was transported during his photographing of Cooper's visit, and was entertained at 432 Sqn mess.	

Fred Percival
Capt.
O/C 2y Aust. Sqn A.L. Sec.
30 November 43.

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Unit 40th Sqn Aust A.L. Section. *Date and Time.—From* 2400 hrs 31 Oct., *To* 2359 hrs on 30th Nov. 1943.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA.	5th Nov.,	0810-1130	Flew with Squadron on Mission (DUMPO AREA)	
"	5th Nov.,	1600	Attended weekly meeting of A.L.O.'s at FATF.	
"	12th Nov.,	1600	Attended weekly conference of A.L.O 's. Routine matters discussed.	
"	16th Nov.,	0720-0831	Flew with Squadron on Mission to GUSIKO VILLAGE.	Indicated target, to lead Bomb.
"	17th Nov.,	0815-1115	Flew with Sqn on Mission to SATELBERG AREA. Turned back owing to weather. No BOMBS dropped.	(ardier.
"	18th Nov.,	0745-1020	Flew with Sqn on Mission to SATELBERG AREA. Mission completed. Bombing accurate.	" " " " "
"	19th Nov.,	0740-1000	Flew with Sqn on Mission to KULUNSTUFU VILLAGE. Bombing accurate.	" " " " "
"	19th Nov.,	1600	Attended weekly conference of A.L.O.'s. Routine matters discussed.	
"	20th Nov.,	0710-0935	Flew with Sqn on Mission to KULUNSTUFU AREA. Submitted report on height and tracks.	
"	22nd Nov.,	0935- 1215	Flew with Sqn on Mission to CASSATA. Mission completed. Losses Nil.	" " " "
"	26th Nov.,	0825-1100	Flew with Sqn on Mission to NAMBARIWA AREA. Losses Nil.	
"	26th Nov.,	1600	Attended weekly meeting of A.L.O's Routine matters discussed.	
"	27th Nov.,	0920-1140	Flew with Sqn on Mission to GUSIKA AREA. Bombing accurate. Losses Nil.	" " " "
"	29th Nov.,	0815-1105	Flew with Sqn on Mission to CAPE GLOUCESTER, Bombing accurate. Losses Nil.	" " " "
"	30th Nov.,	0805-0915	Flew with Sqn on Mission to KALASA. Bombing accurate. Losses Nil.	" " " "

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40th, Sqn., Aust, A.L.Section.

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30 Amet Sqn et 1 Sect - 9 Attack Sqn

Unit 1 Amet et 1 Sqn FATF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 6 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Kohadenna	Nov 1		Capt Bawden attended briefing for Kabaul shipping mission of F.H.T.F and later at 3rd Sqn H.Q.	
"	2		8 a/c of this Sqn attacked shipping in Simpson Harbour. 2 aircraft and crew lost including C.O	
"	4		Sqn handed over the Mitchells and were equipped with Bostons.	
"	5	1400	Capt Bawden visited advnt L.o.s. He accomplished nothing owing to the advent of the ~~Southern~~ Lethbridge Military Mission. Meeting held at F.A.T.F.	
"	6	1000	Visit from Capt Penman re Capt Penmen going South for one week and requires Capt Bawden to take over as 13 Sqn A.L.O. for that period	

Capt
A.L.O

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30 Assault Sqn R.E. Scot FHTF attached 5 Attack Sqn (Erase heading not required).

Unit 1 Assault R.E. Sqn. FHTF Date and Time.—From 8 Oct 43 To 20 Oct 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nabadawa	8 Oct	0730	Embarkation for section administrated by 8 Sqn H/Q	
"	9 "		Capt Bremner today took over as A.L. Section.	
"	12 "		Meeting of all A.L.O's at Comd. Section.	
"	13 "		Preparations for movement to Padgat all maps removed from wall.	
"	14 "		Packing of stationary and files completed all unnecessary maps and papers burnt.	
"	15 "		Movement postponed so maps replaced on wall and all office equipment unpacked.	
"	19 "		Meeting of all A.L.O's at Comd Section for general discussion	
"	19 "		9 aft Towed and Towed targets between Eureka and Kelanoa Bases.	
"	20 "		Capt Bremner returned from Mainland and resumed command of 18 Air Liaison Section.	

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30 Det. Sqn. A.L. Sect. – 5 Attack Sq (Erase heading not required).

Unit 1 Det. 31 Sq. R.A.F. Date and Time.—From 24 Jan 43 To 29 Jan 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Mobadena	24 Jan		5 a/c attached Kisi village and vicinity	
"	27 "		Capt Bawden appt. A.L.O. to 82 Recce Sqn which is part of 71 Recce Gp. This squadron is equipped with Hspt and to date only this Sqn and Gp. H.Q are on the island. How that they are to be used is not clear at present.	
"	28 "		9 a/c bombed and strafed track Sialum and Kalasa.	
"	28 "		Capt Bawden supplied 82 Sqn with maps and photos etc.	
"	29 "		Capt Bawden gave lecture to 82 Sqn pilots on general disposition of enemy and own troops in this area and brief history	

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30 Aust Sqn. A. L. Asst. = 8 Hittock Sq. (Erase heading not required).

Unit 1 Aust A/L Sqn. F.A.T.F. Date and Time.—From 29 Nov. 43 To 30 Nov. 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobadura	29th Nov.		of previous operations. He also dealt with supply problems both own and enemy.	
"	30 Nov.		Capt Bowden to F.A.T.F. to arrange lecture for 82 Sqn on Natives and how to live off the land in N. Guinea, also on the U.S. navy	

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Unit 24 AUST.SQN.A.L.SEC.. 6/-59 BOMB SQN.

Date and Time.—From 1 NOV.43. To 13 NOV.43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA.	1	2359	Mission to SATTELBERG area. Planes failed to reach target owing to weather.	
"	2	"	Nine plane mission to FINSCHHAFEN area.	
"	3	"	Nil activity.	
"	4	"	"	
"	5	"	Sqdt.BRADDOCK attended HQ. A.L.O.'s conference at F.A.T.F.	
"	6	"	Nil activity.	
"	7	"	12 Planes of the 59 SQN left for NADZAB.	
"	8	"	Nil activity.	
"	9	"	Planes returned from NADZAB after carrying out mission to ALEXISHAFEN.	
"	10	"	Planes again left for NADZAB.Sqdt.BRADDOCK acted as A.L.O. 90 SQN and also A.L.O.Sp.during the absence of Sqdt.TURNER.	
"	11	"	Sqn.carried out barge hunt from NADZAB and returned to DOBODURA.Sqdt.BRADDOCK visited 90 Sqn.and gave ground sit.at pilots meeting.Also attended ALO's conf.at FATF	
"	12	"	Preparation for coming move by sqn.Sqdt.BRADDOCK visited 90 Sqn.	
"	13	"	Nil activity. Sqdt.BRADDOCK attended A.L.O's conference at F.A.T.F.	

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Unit 24 AUST.SQN.A.L.SEC. 6/~~89~~ BOMB SQN. Date and Time.—From 14 NOV. 43 To 26 NOV.43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA.	14	2359	Capt.BRADDOCK visited 90 SQN.and went on barge search mission with them, SIO - GUSIKO area.Also visited G.AIR 2 AUST.CORPS.	HAR
"	15	"	Nil activity.	HAR
"	16	"	"	HAR
"	17	"	Capt.BRADDOCK visited Capt.STEPHENS FATE.for infm.re.barge and track activity SIO - SATELBERG area.He also visited 90 SQN.	HAR
"	18	"	Nil activity.	HAR
"	19	"	Capt BRADDOCK went on 9 plane mission to SATELBERG area.Later attended A.L.O's. conference at FATF.also visited 90 Sqn.	HAR
"	20	"	Barge search from KIARIA - HARDENBERG PT.Capt.BRADDOCK also went on this mission.	HAR
"	21	"	Twelve plane mission to tracks and villages vicinity MAERO.	HAR
"	22	"	Six plane mission to MALANGAI and AGO.villages.Capt.BRADDOCK visited 90 SQN and gave ground situation at pilots meeting.	HAR
"	23	"	Six plane mission to tracks and villages vicinity KULUNGTUFU.Capt. BRADDOCK went on this mission.	HAR
"	24	"	Six plane mission to SIALUM - KALASA - KALASA VILL.	HAR
"	25	"	Nil activity.	HAR
"	26	"	Capt. BRADDOCK attended conference at FATF.	HAR

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Unit 24 AUST.SQN.A.L.SEC. C/- 89 BOMB SQN. Date and Time.—From 27 NOV.43. To 30 NOV.43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	27	2359	Capt.SPEIGHT 11 AUST.DIV visited Sqn.	
"	28	2359	Nil activity.	
"	29	"	Capt.BRADDOCK visited Capt.STEPHENS. FATF. Maj.OGILVY and MAJ WATTS of 2 AUST.CORPS. visited Sqn.	
"	30	"	Twelve plane mission to SOUTH bank MASAWENG RIV.mouth.LAKONA and BUZULO. Capt.BRADDOCK went to pilots meeting 90 Sqn.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendixes, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	1-2 Nov	-	Normal operational duties	
"	3 Nov	-	LIEUT SAUNDERS ALO of the squadron left for the mainland on 24 days sick leave.	
"	4 Nov	-	Normal operational duties.	
"	5 Nov	-	CAPT MARLAND who relieved CAPT DREW as G (111) AIR 2 AUST Corps visited the squadron. He met the intelligence Officer and some of the pilots and discussed the ground situation and squadron AL problems.	
	OCTOBER		During the month this squadron has changed from B25's to A 20's. No missions have been carried out during this period. The pilots are very keen on the A20's which although hasn't the range of a B25, is faster and more manoeuverable. During the absence of LIEUT SAUNDERS, CAPT MADDOCK ALO of 89 squadron and CAPT CURTIS ALO 13 squadron have been carrying on with the AL duties OF THE SQUADRON.	
"	6-30 Nov	-	Normal operational duties	

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Unit 18 Aust.Sqn.A.L.Sec.. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBODURA	1 NOv to 22 Nov		Normal Operational Activities.	
	23 Nov	1200	Capt.Turner visited G-Air, 2 Aust.Corps.	
		1700	Lieut.Knight,F.E.L.O.,visited Capt.Turner at 13 Sqn. and met Sqn. Officers.	
	26 Nov	1100	Capt.Turner attended a meeting of A.L.O.'s at F.A.T.F..General situation	
			and A.L. problems were discussed.	
	27 Nov	1100	Maj.Johnson,C.O. 9 Fighter Sqn.,Capt.Fitch,Operations Officer 13 Bomb Sqn.	
			attended a combined infantry and tank exercise,run by the 6 Aust,Inf.Bde.	
			Air officers were very interested,and suggested the use of aircraft in future	
			exercises of similar nature.	
	28 Nov		Capt.Morton,Tank Officer,visited the 13 Sqn.at mess.Later in the evening	
			with Capt.Turner and Lieuts.Payson and Greenhalg,visited Lieut.Congdon N.L.O.	
			and Capt.Cline,Assistant Operations Officer F.A.T.F..Liaison between the Airforce,	
			Army and Navy were discussed.	
	29 Nov to 30 Nov		Normal Operational Activities.	

H. J. Turner - Capt.
(H.J.TURNER) A.L.O.

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Unit 23 Aust Sqn AL Sec., 1 Aust AL Group. AIF. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 6 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB	1 Nov	0850L	ALO attended 41st Sqn for briefing of pilots for dive-bombing mission on enemy gun positions in the KANKYRIO area. This was carried out by P-39s in coordination with BOOMERANGS of 4 AC Sqn. Due to 8/10 cloud cover the success of the mission was very doubtful.	55a
		1200L	Visit by Capt.Clagitt of A3 Adv Sch 5 AF. A general discussion was held on the desirability of SATF being included in the Air Support signals net. Capt Clagitt advised that this was likely to eventuate in the near future.	55a
		1555L	A signal was despatched to 7 Div suggesting that 5 AF be requested for a repeat mission on the enemy gun position bombed in the morning. Arrangements were made with 4 AC Sqn for BOOMERANGS to lead in P-39s for strike on BRIDGES 7 and 8 BOGADJIM ROAD 2 Nov.	55a
"	2 Nov		At the suggestion of 7 Aust Div Capt.Ashton visited that HQ. In consequence of a signal from 5 AF approving a repeat mission on enemy gun psoitions, SATF made the necessary arrangements with 4 AC Sqn and the strike was carried out successfully at 1530L.	See Appendix "A" 55a
"	3 Nov		Capt.Ashton returned to NADZAB.	55a
"	4-5 Nov		Routine.	
"	6 Nov		Capt.Derham (GIII Air 2 Aust Corps) visited AL Sec and stayed the night. Arrangements were made to expedite receipt of 2 Aust Corps Intelligence Summary by ALO SATF. Lt.Col Fleming (CO 1 Aust Air Liaison Group) and Lt.Col Coombe (Letherbreidge Mission) paid a short visit to ALO.	55a
		1700L	SATF received copy of request from 7 Aust Div to 5 AF for	55a

S S Ashton Capt

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Unit 23 Aust Sqn AL Sec 1 Aust Air Liaison Group AIF Date and Time.—From 6 Nov 43 To 19 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB	6 Nov	1700L	dive-bombing and strafing of enemy positions "SHAGGY RIDGE" Ref 690640 and 686645 DUMPU 1 inch Map.	
		2155L	SATF despatched signal to 7 Aust Div advising SATF would be unable to comply due to low availability caused by enemy air raid this morning. (See Appendix "C" War Diary 35 Fit Gp AL Sec.)	GGA
"	7-8 Nov		Routine.	
"	9	1120L	Twelve enemy fighters were engaged in this area by our fighters and turned back with heavy losses, 8 being definitely destroyed.	GGA
		1400L	Arranged with 4 AC Sqn to make recce of BOANA area to endeavour to locate crashed Jap bomber reported by ground troops.	GGA
		1610L	Advised 5 Aust Div at LAE that Jap pilot had probably "bailed out" near NARAKAPOR.	GGA
"	10-11		Routine.	
"	12		Cpl.Ament (AL Clerk) proceeded on leave.	GGA
"	13		NX 5770 Cpl.Gaymer,E.W. reported for duty.	
			Advised U.S. Air Technical Intelligence Offr from LAE that Jap fighter a/c shot down 9 Nov had been located in the MARKHAM RIVER near NARAKAPOR.	GGA
"	14-18		Routine.	
"	19		Capt.Ashton visited Capt.Noblett ALO 3rd Air Task Force GUSAP.	GGA

G G Ashton Capt

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Unit 23 Aust Sqn AL Sec. 1 Aust Air Liaison Group AIF Date and Time.—From 20 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NADZAB	20 Nov		Routine.	
"	21 Nov		Capt.Ashton made routine visit to MORESBY to report to HQ 1 Aust Air Liaison Group.	See a
"	22 Nov		Capt.Ashton returned from MORESBY. AL Sec moved into new SATF Camp Area.	See a
"	24 Nov		Major Lundquist A3 Adv Ech 5 AF visited A3 Sec SATF.	See a
"	25-27 Nov		Routine and settling into new quarters. Due to the administrative buildings not being erected these sections have to be accommodated temporarily in the main operations building and space for the Intelligence Section is therefore very limited, precluding the proper display of maps.	See a
"	28 Nov		Capt.Ashton called on new Area Commandant Lt.Col.Galasch.	See a
"	29 Nov		Lieut.Knight of FELO visited AL Sec. Arrangements were made to accommodate FELO Sgt who will supervise distribution of leaflets by aircraft. The Sgt will not arrive until bombers are based in this area. Capt.Ashton visited GUSAP.	See a See Appendix "B"
"	30 Nov		Capt.Ashton returned from GUSAP. Routine.	

Also included with this Diary:-

Appx. "C" - 15 Aust Sqn AL Sec War Diary (Nov.)
" "D" - 43 " " " " " " " (Oct.)
" "E" - 43 " " " " " " " (Nov)
" "F" - 21 " " " " " " " (Nov.)

S S Ashton Capt.
OC 23 Aust Sqn A L Section.

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APPENDIX A

FOR INFORMATION - A2
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ALO SATF
3 Nov 43

VISIT BY ALO TO HQ 7 AUST DIV 2/3 NOV.

Also present at conversations with G3 (Air) 7 Aust Div., and Lieut Frederick (6 ALP), were Sqn/Ldr Munro (CO 4 AC Sqn), Sqn/Ldr Bell (OC Nadzab and Gusap Dets 4 AC Sqn), Capt Shawe (ALO 4 AC Sqn), and F/Lt Clorenshaw (Flt Comd 4 AC Sqn Gusap Det).

7 Aust Div agreed that where Boomerangs are required by SATF to lead in Strike aircraft, the SATF requirements will take precedence of any 7 Div Tac/R or Arty/R demand.

Sqn/Ldr Munro fully agreed that when SATF required it, Boomerangs from Gusap would come to Nadzab for co-ordination.

It was suggested, and Sqn/Ldr Munro undertook to draw up for consideration, a standard operating procedure where 4 AC Sqn aircraft are called upon to rendezvous with and lead in strike aircraft.
NOTE:- The arranging of intercommunication between the Boomerangs and the strike aircraft, and the methods adopted by the Boomerangs to indicate the target being two of the principal points. This should considerably facilitate the arrangement of a mission where the strike aircraft have to come from another area.

For information, it is understood that 4 AC communication is limited by the following:-
The sets on the Boomerangs are crystal controlled and at present frequencies available are:-

4475 k.c. - Common Fighter Frequency.
6645 k.c.
4390 k.c. - Basic Army Co-op Frequency. Air to Ground.
7065 k.c. - Intra Unit communication or alternative Army Co-op Frequency.

With a close army support mission the procedure normally followed is that the lower Boomerang, which contacts the ground force and locates the target, operates on 4390 k.c. with a push button control to change to the fighter frequency. The Boomerang above operates on the fighter frequency with push button control to change to 4390 k.c. It will be seen from this why it is desirable for Army Co-op aircraft to be used. In the absence of crystals for the present fighter frequency it is necessary for them to use the common frequency.

In discussions with Lieut Frederick (6 ALP) it was suggested that, pending the establishment of an ALP station at this HQ., the link provided by 7 Aust Div be used and that messages sent in connection with the arranging of missions for 7 Aust Div pass as between SATF and 6 ALP. Where desirable signals to 4 AC (Gusap Det) can be sent through the 4 AC link and repeated 6 ALP through the 7 Div link.

With reference to the request by 7 Aust Div for bombing of bridges 7 and 8 on the BOGADJIM ROAD, the main reasons for the selection of this particular target were set out in the request. In addition it was emphasised that where the bombs miss the bridge but hit either the road or above the road, the nature of the terrain is such that the resultant damage must be difficult to repair. It is considered that

continued obstruction of the road at this point would seriously impede enemy supply to the YOKOPI area. If Air Force consider it a practicable proposition to repeatedly strike at this point, 4 AC Sqn would make a frequent reconnaissance to check on the serviceability of the road.

From a close study of Tac/R reports and other information, OC 6 ALP together with 7 Aust Div., has drawn up a list of targets on the BOGADJIM ROAD in order of priority which include a Jap HQ at NANZANRAE? 1½ miles South of DAUMOINA, and MT park area near KWATO. It was considered that this might be of assistance to A2 and A3 in selecting targets.

With reference to the two strikes 1 and 2 Nov on enemy gun positions, 4 AC observation of craters prior to Nov 2 strike established that 3 of the bombs dropped on Nov 1 were well in the target area, despite the adverse cloud conditions. All bombs were seen to be in the target area on the second strike, one particularly large explosion being caused. On morning 2 Nov., our guns having been moved further forward, an air controlled shoot was conducted with the enemy gun positions as the target. An intervening ridge apparently prevented accurate engagement. Up to morning 3 Nov., the Jap guns had not been active since the strike on 1 Nov.

With reference to the bridge strike 2 Nov., 4 AC Sqn reports that 4 of the 6 bombs observed fell in the vicinity of bridges 2 and 3.

FSR
Capt.,
ALO SATF.

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APPENDIX B

REPORT OF ALO CONFERENCE GUSAP - 29 Nov 43.

Present:- ALO SATF - Capt.Ashton
ALO TATF - Capt.Noblett
ALO 49 Fighter Group - Capt.Coghill
ALO 4 AC Sqn - Capt.Shave
G III (Air) 7 Aust Div- Capt.Watt

Conference was held for general discussion, and the following points were raised.

Fighter Cover for 4 AC Sqn.
Bombs for P-40s at GUSAP.
Requests by 7 Aust Div for air missions.
Sea sightings by 4 AC Sqn.
Opportunity Targets.
Status of ALO TATF.

1. Little fighter cover was available for 4 AC Sqn prior to arrival of 7 Sqn aircraft. Since their arrival one request has been made and granted. It was considered that there was every likelihood of getting cover , but desirable to keep requests to a minimum.

2. It was understood that a small number of bombs for P-40s was available.

3. Although 7 Div have been advised on several occasions that requests for small scale missions can be taken care of by SATF without referance to Advon 5 AF, Capt.Ashton reported that A3 SATF had advised him that with the present availability of aircraft it would be only on rare occasions that strike missions could be arranged. If the request is made to 5 AFin the normal way the usual procedure is that 5 AF refers it back to SATF for action. This gives SATF more freedom of action as 5 AF are then aware of the SATF commitments. Arranged direct, SATF cannot tell what other commitments they may get from ADVON.
As regards Bridges 7 and 8 (Bogadjim Road) Capt Ashton said that from reports he doubted the suitability of this target for dive-bombing by fighters and urged, failing getting a specific mission, that more efforts should be made to have the Bogadjim Road given as a secondary target for missions further NORTH and WEST.

4. It was decided that any "hot" sightings made by 4 AC Sqn such as shipping or barges in ASTROLABE BAY would be immediately notified to 7 Div by dropping and given to TATF by telephone, also sent out on 6 ALP link.

5. Capt Ashton expressed the opinion, and this was endorsed by Capt Watt that in the absence of indication by 4 AC Sqn no opportunity targets should be given to pilots SOUTH of BOGADJIM except on the BOGADJIM ROAD. NOTE: New Bomb-Line gives less latitude as regards opportunity targets to WEST of "road".

6. ALO SATF laid down that pending clarification of the exact status of ALO TATF Capt Noblett would be considered the senior ALO in the area and any question of possible targets, or other problems arising for prompt decision should be referred to him.

Capt.

ALO SATF

APPENDIX "C"
to 23 Aust Sqn AL Sec
War Diary Nov 43

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Unit 15 Aust.Sqn.A.L.Section
1 Aust.A.L.Group

Date and Time.—From 1st November 1943 To 30th November 1943.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Nadzab area.	1 Nov.		Captain Excell returned to Nadzab today, from Port Moresby.	
	6 Nov.		Before an alert was sounded, 10 U/I enemy bombers and 6-10 enemy fighters arrived over Nadzab at 0848/L. According to Fighter Sector, the enemy came in from the east at approx 20,000 ft, departing in a westerly direction. Visual sightings indicate that the bombing run was made from N to S. 59 craters were counted in the Markham (fighter) strip area. These were probably caused by 60 KG "Anti Personnel". There are undoubtedly more craters in the same area that have not been located. Three enemy fighters made a strafing pass after the bombing run without results. In the fighter dispersal area there were 18 casualties. 2 dead, 7 hospitalized and 9 were returned to duty. Bombs destroyed 2-P39's and damaged 23 others. Reports indicate that most of of the damaged planes will not require extensive repairs. There was no interception. Fighters sent to intercept an U/I plot were apparently below a thin overcast at 16,000 ft. The enemy came in above the O/C at about the same time the interceptors were returning to the Nadzab area and from the same direction.	
	7 Nov.		9 enemy bombers and 12 fighters raided Nadzab again today at 0815/L. 70 to 100 bombs were dropped. 40th Sqn. lost 2 planes destroyed on the ground and 2 damaged. 41st Sqn. lost 2 planes destroyed on the ground and 4 damaged. Casualties, 3 Officers wounded. 40th Sqn, in combat today destroyed 4 Sallys and 2 Oscars with 1 Sally and 3 Oscars probables. We had 4 planes damaged in combat, all the pilots returned safe.	
	11 Nov.		Captain Excell departed for Moresby today to make arrangements for leave.	
	12 Nov.		Captain Excell returned to Nadzab today.	
	13 Nov.		Captain Excell and Pte. Staunton departed Nadzab for Moresby enroute to the mainland on leave.	
	20 Nov.		Captain Ashton visited the 40th and 41st Fighter Sqn's. today.	
			This month 35th Fighter Group has been in combat 9 times and claim 20 enemy aircraft definitely destroyed.	

T. Peat

T. Peat, Cpl.
for Captain Excell
A.L.O. 35th Fighter Group.

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Army Form A.2118. (adapted.)

41st. Aust, Sqdn. Air Liaison Sect. (Erase heading not required.)
attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

Unit 22nd. Bomb. Gp. (M) *Date and Time.—From* 1st. November, 1943 *To* 30th. November, 1943

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	1/11/43 to 6/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Assisting Sqdn. Intelligence Officer. Usual sqdn. meetings, discussing current situation, etc. Contacting IO's and A.L.O.'s of 22 Group 2 Aust. Corps in connection with maps. Photographs etc. General Liaison Duties.	
"	7/11/43		Mission No. 310AA. 1 B25 Weather Recco Kiriwina and return Dobodura. Weather reported clear, scattered cumulus clouds reported 3000ft. Tops 9000ft. Nil sightings. Nil Opposition.	
"	8/11/43		Sqdn. engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. General Liaison duties.	
"	9/11/43		Mission No 312 AA. 1 B25 weather recco Alexishafen, Height 11000ft. Weather clear scattered cumulus 8000ft. Two wakes sighted approximately Rooke Island. Too dark to distinguish vessels. Sighted 20 miles north of Saidor. Nil Opposition.	
			Mission No. 312 BB 1 B25 weather recco Rein Bay area. Weather reported	

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Unit 41st. Aust. Sqdn. Air Liaison Sect. Attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M) 22nd. Bomb. Gp. (M)

Date and Time.—From 1st November, 1943 To 30th. November, 1943

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	9/11/43		clear. Nil Sightings Nil opposition. Usual meeting of all Air Crew discussing Current Army situation. Assisting Sqdn. IO.	
	10/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. General Liaison duties.	
	11/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Meeting of all Air Crews. Contacted G2 Air 2 Aust. Corps re general situation. 22 Group H.Q. for briefing 0930/L.	
	12/11/43		Mission No. 315 BB 11 B25's bombed Hiari Village. Target was accurately bombed from 8500ft. smoke was observed to rise 1000ft. as a/c. left the target. Small fires were observed in the timber around the village. 13 tons of bombs were dropped. Photographs were secured of all bombing runs. Sightings included barges off Scharnhorst Point, and one 2000 ton vessel ½ mile off shore. Opposition Nil. Pamphlets were dropped North of Satelberg. A.L.O's. meeting F.A.T.F.	

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41st. Aust. Sqdn. Air Liaison Sect.
Attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

Unit 22nd. Bomb. Group. (M) *Date and Time.—From* 1st. November, 1943 *To* 30th November, 1943.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	13/11/43		Maintenance and training Wil activity. Assisting Sqdn. I O. General	
			Liaison Duties.	
"	14/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Usual squadron meeting for	
			Combat Crews.	
"	15/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Assisting Sqdn. I O.	
			Contacted A.L.O. F.A.T.F. and 22 Group H.Q. Briefing 0950/L fro mission	
			Masawong River area.	
"	16/11/43		Mission No. 519 BB 9 B25's bomb a dumps and track junction at 445865 and	
			Hill feature 435845. Re Masawong River 1/63360. a/c over target 0.50/L	
			Targets were impossible to locate on existing maps. Approx. target areas	
			were bombed from 4000 to 6000ft. Bombs were observed to fall across tracks	
"			and across two huts in target B. 9 tons of bombs were dropped and photos	
			were taken of bombing runs Opposition Nil. Pamphlets were dropped.	

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41st. Aust. Sqdn. Air Liaison Sect. Attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

Unit....22nd...Bomb...Group...(M)..... *Date and Time.—From* 1st...November,1943. *To*..30th....November,1943.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	17/11/43		Mission No. 320AA 1 B25 weather recco Satelberg area. Weather clear	
			scattered cumulus 4000 to 6000ft. Nil sightings. Nil opposition.	
			General Liaison Duties.	
"	18/11/43		Mission No. 321 AA 8 B25's Ground support Song River, 2½ miles N.W.	
			Satelberg. Over target 0905/L Target was accurately bombed from 5000ft.	
			Bombs were observed to fall across two huts. Dense smoke rose as a/c.	
			left the target. 12 tons of bombs were dropped. Nil sightings. Nil Inter.	
			Mission No. 321 BB 1 B25 weather recco Satelberg area. Over target 0600/L	
			Scattered cumulus clouds reported 8000ft. Visibility clear.	
"	19/11/43		Sqdn. engaged on maintenance and training. Usual Sqdn. meeting. Meeting	
			of A.L.O's at F.A.T.F. Passing on of Information and General Discussion	
"	20/11/43		Mission No. 323 BB 10 B25's bombed Pafiu Village 302702 Pwesi 294695	
			Kwenzonzan 294674 Ref. Map Kulumatau 1" Prov. Series. A/c. were over	
			target 0325/L at 6500ft. Bombing of the three villages considered accurate.	

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41st. Aust. Sqdn. Air Liaison Sect. Attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

Unit 22nd. Bomb. Group. (M) *Date and Time.—From* 1st. November, 1943 *To* 30th. November, 1943

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	20/11/43		12 tons of bombs were dropped. Photos were taken. Tracks in general area of Kulungtufu appered to be well used. Nil Interception. Nil opposition. Mission No 323 AA 1 B25 weather recco Satelberg area. A/c. over area 0550/L Weather reported clear. Visibility good.	
"	21/11/43		Mission No. 322CC 8 B25's bombed Kulungtufu Village. Over target 0900/L Target was considered accurately bombed. Bombing was carried out from 10000ft. Village was partially obscured by dust and smoke. 12 tons of bombs were dropped. Photos were taken of all bombing runs Nil sightings. Nil opposition.	
"	22/11/43		Mission No. 325 BB. 12 B25's bombed dumps S.E end of Gasmata Strip. Over target at1100/L at 5000ft. Bombs were observed to fall across heavy A/A positions. Fires and d nse smoke were observed. (probably ammunition dumps) 18 tons of bombs were dropped. Photos were taken. 6 barges were observed inshore Luschon Harbour.A/A reported inaccura te. 4 a/c. received slight damage. Pamphlets were dropped over target area. General Liaison Duties.	

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Attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

Unit 22nd. Bomb. Group. (M) *Date and Time.—From* 1st. November, 1943 *To* 30th. November, 1943

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	23/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training, Nil activity. Assisting	
			I O, Usual Sqdn. meeting, discussing current army sit ation and reports.	
"	24/11/43		Squadron engaged on maintenance a nd training. Nil. activity. Briefing	
			22 Group H.Q.	
"	25/11/43		Mission No 328 AA 4 B25's drop supplies to 2/23Bn. at 636732. Ref.	
			Fortification Point 1/25000. Over area 1050/L. Supplies dropped in Bn.	
			areaon the fringe of heavy timber Nil sightings Nil opposition, General	
			Liaison Duties. Contacted 22 Group H.Q. and A.L.O. F.A.T.F.	
"	26/11/43		Mission No. 329 BB 1B25 Batelberg area over area 0610/L at 7000ft. thin	
			overcast 12000ft. Visibility generally reported clear.	
			Mission No. 329 AA 9 B25's bomb barge hideout Nambariwa river 4 miles S.E.	
			Sio. Over target 1005. Height 5500ft. Bombing considered poor. Heavy clouds	
			over target area prevented accurate observation of results. 13½ tons of	
			bombs were dropped. Nil sightings. Nil Oppositon. General Liaison Duties.	

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41st. Aust. Sqdn. Air Liaison Sect. Attached - 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

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Unit 22nd Bomb. Group (M) *Date and Time.—From* 1st November, 1943 *To* 30th. November, 1943.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	26/11/43		Meeting of all A.L.O's at F.A.T.F. to discuss current situation etc.	
"	27/11/43		Mission No. 330CC 9 B25's bomb enemy positions 2 miles West of Bonga on track to Wareo. A/c over target 1040/L at 5000ft. Small fires were started in target area. 15½ tons of bombs were dropped. Photos were taken of bombing runs. Nil Opposition. Nil Interception.	
"			General Liaison Duties. Assisting I.O interrogation etc.	
"	28/11/43		Mission No. 331 CC 1 B25 dropped medical supplies to allied position on Bonga - Wareo track. 2 miles West of Bonga. Over area 1036/L Nil Opposition Nil sightings. General Liaison Duties Squadron meting. Contacted 22 Group H.Q.	
"	27/11/43		Lieut. Horan leaves for Sydney - Compassionate Leave. Pte. Johnstone evacuated to hospital suspected Malaria. Capt. Catron temporally takes over A.L.O's duties 33rd. and 63rd. Squadrons.	
	29/11/43		Mission No. 332BB 10 B25's Bomb installation Cape Gloucester 0940/L All bombs observed to fall in target area. 15 tons. A/A Slight, medium	

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Attached 33rd. Bomb. Sqdn. (M)

Unit 22nd. Bomb. Group (M) *Date and Time.—From* 1st. November, 1943 *To* 30th. November, 1943

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Dobodura	29/11/43		Heavy. Bombing reported as accurate. A.L.O's duties etc.	SK.
"	30/11/43		Mission No 333 BB 9 B25's bomb bivouac area Kalasa Village area TOO 0805/L	
			All bombs observed to fall in target area. Buildings reported destroyed	
			Fires and smoke observed in target area. Distribution of A.L.O's	SK.
			Bulletin. General Information etc.	

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23 Aust Sqn AL Sec
1 War Diary Nov 43

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Unit SS 43 AL SEC T A T F Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 11 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP	1 - 4		Moved to T A T F campsite. H Q personnel beginning to arrive. A L O KBK	
			Section assisted to receive and house them.	
	5		Contacted A L O with 4 AC FLIGHT, 7 AUST DIV SECTION. Also contacted KBK	
			O C Sub Area Control AIR WIRELESS WARNING UNIT. New land line being polled	
			from Div to this H Q	
	6		Report of todays Air Raid to G III AIR, 7 AUST DIV. KBK	
	8		New land line from Div to this H Q - strength 9 KBK	
	9		Preparing SIT maps for 8 FIGHTER SQN and assisting their I O to set up office. KBK	
	10		General briefing on Ground Situation at C O's Conference at this H Q. KBK	
			Participated in discussion on defence of drome areas in view of an	
			emergency.	
	11		Contacted C O 6 M G BN. This bn arrived today and will assist in drome KBK	
			defence and patrol activities. This A L O Section now engaged in normal	
			routine duties and also liaising between T A T F H Q and 7 AUST DIV;	

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Unit SS 43 AL SEC T A T F Date and Time.—From 11 Nov 43 To 29 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
GUSAP	11		(6 M G BN (now under comd 7 AUST DIV); A W W; and ANGAU.	KBE
	12		Being new to area gave 8 SQN special briefing of Ground Situation	KBE
	13– 23		Setting up office and routine duties.	KBE
	24		Practice Shbot B 25 G	KBE Appendix "A" attached.
	29		A L O's conference at T A T F H Q. Present:– CAPT WATT (G III AIR 7 AUST	KBE
			DIV), CAPT ASHTON (S A T F), CAPT COGHILL (49th GROUP), CAPT NOBLETT	
			T A T F	

APPX 'D'

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24 AUST SQUADRON SECTION
Unit. 1 AUST. AIR LIAISON GROUP. *Date and Time.—From* 311800/1 OCT 43 *To* 301800/1 NOV 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
DOBADURA	Nov 1	1400	ALO arranged with Aust Docks Operating Coy for a visit by combat crews of	
			shipping at BUNA. Crews inspected Allied and captured enemy landing craft.	WK
	Nov 3	1500	ALO returned to PORT MORESBY with Squadron from DOBADURA.	WK
[redacted]	Nov 5	0900	ALO accompanied Squadron to KIRIWINA ISLANDS for strike against shipping	
			in the SOLOMONS area.	
			ALO attended briefing at 78 Wing HQ RAAF. Contacted IO 78 Wing HQ for	
			latest information of ground troops on BOUGAINVILLE ISLAND.	WK
KIRIWINA ISLANDS	Nov 8	1550	Shipping Mission cancelled Sqn returned to base via MILNE BAY.	WK
[redacted]	Nov 9	1130	ALO visited MAF reference transportation of Section vehicle to Sqn's new	
			base.	WK
	Nov 10	1400	ALO accompanied Sqn to DOBADURA, contacted ALO 408 Sqn for use of briefing	
			room and maps.	WK
DOBADURA	Nov 11	0900	Returned to PORT MORESBY with Sqn.	WK

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24 AUST SQUADRON SECTION

Unit..1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP..... *Date and Time.—From*..311800/L OCT 45.....*To*.301800/L NOV 45....

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SCHEDULED	Nov 12	1400	ALO visited IA and G(AIR) HQ for detailed information of MADANG Defenses.	
	Nov 13	0830	ALO accompanied Sqn on strike against MADANG Aerodrome and Supply Areas. Attack was successful target well covered by bombing and strafing. Good observation of MAEM Battle Area was obtained en route to target.	
	Nov 14	1400	ALO visited ALO 8 Fighter Group re Hansa Route details.	
		1900	ALO attended lecture "Hansa from the Jungle" by American Officer from HQ Allied Air Forces SWPA.	
	Nov 16	1350	ALO arranged for Company Commander 2/10 Aust Inf Bn to accompany pilot of B25 on training flight MORESBY area. Aust Officer gave short talk to combat crews on "Fighting in the Jungle".	
	Nov 17	1000	ALO attended conference at V Bomb Comd.	
	Nov 19	1200	Major Walters, First Air Task Force, visited Sqn, discussed ground force operations with ALO.	

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Unit 34 AUST SQUADRON SECTION 1 AUST AIR LIAISON GROUP

Date and Time.—From 312300/L OCT 43 To 302300/L NOV 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
SCHWIMMER	Nov 25	1100	ALO left for Mainland on temporary duty.	
	Nov 27	0835-1180	6 B25 D1's from the Squadron bombed and Strafed BORAM DROME. Attack successful.	

For Capt. I.E.C. Stevens.
A.L.O. 34 AUST SQN SECTION.

WAR DIARY

11 Section.....1 Aust.Air Liaison Gp.
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
1Nov.	Routine Duties. Vehicle taken to LAD for overhaul.
2nd	Routine Duties. Arranged with Capt Hohner NGF S&T for transportation while section vehicle at LAD. 1800/L Picked up vehicle from LAD. Obtained details of Supply Drop to party(Able Green) at Miriyami, from Bomber Command. Arranged with ANGAU for guide,and Air Maintenance. 2200/L Picked up special photos and map from Bomcomm.
3rd.	0530/L Briefed Lt. Showalter's crew for Supply Drpp. Checked loading of plane. 0600/L Briefing for Rabaul Strike at Group. 0800/L Information passed on by IO 320th Sqdn. of B-24 believed crashed vicinity Kovu on Lakekamu River. Visited Base HQ NGF and ANGAU for information. Indications that aircraft seen to crash was P-47. Nil observations by 6sqdn. navigator, who flew over area in Moth. Arranged with Major Whitlock Sqdn. Commander to visit area on foot. 1300/L Supply Drop failed account of weather. Area closed in. W/T report recieved from ground partythat aircraft was over area. Arranged for further attempt tomorrow, with later T/O to allow cloud cover to lift. Advice recieved from ground party that fires would be substituted by smkips due to Japs in area
4 th	Briefing of Supply Drop and Rabaul strike. 1500/L Supply Dr op successful. Low cloud made photos impossible except close ups of drop site. Copies sent to Bomcom, ANGAU and Air Maintenance .
5th	Capt Craig arranged with HQ AL Group to go inland and investigate missing B-24,320th Sqdn. Details of Bulldog L of C recieved from Lt.Col. Norris Base Area. Arranged to be flown in to Bulldog, by 4AC Sqdn. Dragon, with intention of travelling downstream to Terapo by barge.
6th.	1000/L Capt Craig took off with Capt Sledge 320Sqdn. and Lt. Hamilton AIB in D H Dragon from Berry strip. Flew route up Lakekamu River from Terapo to Bulldog. Capt Craig flew from Bulldog in Piper Cub with Lt. Edmann 36th Fighter Sqn.over Kovu and Grimm Point areas. 1700/L Party left by barge for Grimm Point, and recieved information from Capt Best O C Water Transport and Lt Hugo.
7th	Party left by barge forKovu. Inland investigation made, but search hopeless from the ground. Compass bearing taken to reference point where smoke from crash was seen by Cpl. Carlson water Transport at Kovu staging area. Bearing 230deg. Party left by barge for Terapo. Interrogated Lt. Rich ANGAU and Lt Short Terapo D I D.
8th	1130/L Party left Terapo by Dragon, flew over 230deg bearing from Kovu. Search unsuccessful. Landed Berry strip. 1400/L Contacted Lt Edmann 36 Fighter Sqn who advised that area on 230deg bearing had been thoughly searched. Information passed on to Major Whitlock 320Sqn. Commander who considered further search fruitless. 2000/L Details recieved from ALO Bomcom for Supply Drop at Wabag.
9th	0630/L Briefing for Supply Drop and loading Checked. 1600/L Drop successful. Good panarama pictures taken and distributed to ANGAU,ALO Bomcom.,and Air Maintenance.
10th	Request recieved from ADO ANGAU,Goilala to ferry out 4 mission sisters to Kubuna, who had assisted stranded fliers. Arrangements made to oblige through 5 Fighter Command, with 2 Piper Cubs.

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WAR DIARY (ctd.)
11 Section.....1 Aust. Air Liaison Group
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
11Nov.	Routine Duties. Arrangements made with 4AC Sqn to fly out the rest of Lt. Smeltzers crew from Goilala. ANGAU entertained Lt Showalters crew 400Sqn, to dinner.
12th	2000/L Arranged for pamphlet dropping from weather ship to Alexishaffen Remainder of Lt Smeltzers crew flown out from Goilala. Capt Coffill 1 Aust Air Maintchance called re Supply Drop.
13th	Briefed air crews on ground situation for Group strike, Alexishaffen. RoutineDuties.
14th	0430/L Briefed air crews on ground situation for Group strike at Alexishafen. 1400/L Lectured 320th Sqn. crews.
15th	Briefed air crews on ground situation for Group strike,Alexishafen. Visited IA and G(Air) NGF. 2000/L Arranged for pamphlets for strike tomorrow.
16th	0430/L Briefing for crews on Group strike on But and Dagua. Mission cancelled due to weather. 1600/L Details recieved from ALO Bomcom re ground support mission at Satelburg. 2000/L Pamphlets,(Pigin for natives) procured from Bomcom. for dropping over strike area tomorrow.
17th	0430/L Capt Craig briefed crews for Group strike on Satelburg. 0700/L Capt Craig flew with 400th Sqn on mission. Mission abandoned at Salamoa,due to weather. 2200/L Visited Bomcom. for details of tomorrow's strike and Supply Drop. 2200/L Strike and Supply Drop cancelled.
18th	Routine Duties. 2000/L Bomcom with Supply Drop photos, also Capt Coffill 1 Aust Air Maintenance.
19th	0900/L Capt D G May-Wilkie attached to section for instruction. 1000/L Flt. Lt.H. Koch and Lt K. Eglington AIB, contacted section re Supply Drop to NewBritain patrols, vicinity Cape Orford,in lieu of 403Sqn. Arrangements made to initiate drops automatically with Group on receipt of request from AIB. Confirmed by Major Colloran Bomcom A-3 AIB advised ten(10) fliers, from various crews, had been picked up by patrols in New Britain.
20th	0600/L Briefing for strike on Ring-Ring plantation,Gasmata. 0800/L Lecture at Group by Capt Crowse 5 AF on "Escape from the Jungle" Lecture covered subsistence in jungle, did not cover escape routes or natives. 1000/L Arranged with AIB to brief crews for Supply Drop at 320Sqn. at1530/L. Details of planes alloted for loading communicated to 1 Aust. Air Maintenance. 1530/L AIB personnel briefed 320sqn crews for supply drop, with Capt Craig. Col.Roberts DMI,LHQ. present.
21st	0100/L Final briefing for 320Sqn drop to AIB patrols, New Britain. Checked loading of planes, 0900/L Interrogation- One plane dropped successfully, bomb racks failed on other. While dropping manually,was picked up by Zeros and obliged to depart with drop incomplete. 1000/L Took Capt Wilkie to FHQ,and ANGAU. 2000/L AIB request further drop 23 Nov. Arranged with 90th Group.

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WAR DIARY (Ctd)
11 Section.....1 Aust Air Liaison Group
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
22Nov.	0600/L Briefing for Group strike on Ring-Ring Plantation(New Britain) 0900/L Loading details of planes for New Britain drop, sent to 1 Aust Air Maintenance. 1700/L Supervised loading of parachute packs for AIB drop. After failure of 320thSqn bomb racks on last drop, arranged to have bombardier present, instead of crew chief, in order to run bomb stations through before loading. 1830/L Briefed 400Sqn. with AIB, for New Britain Supply Drop. 2000/L 90th Group decided to abandon projected search for 320th plane, thought to have crashed Bulldog-Yule area.
23rd	0100/L Final briefing 400Sqn, on New Britain supply drop. 0900/L Supply Drop interrogation- one aircraft dropped successfully, other plane recieved no ground signals, and returned without dropping. 1000/L ALO 5 Bomb Command brought round Capt R S Dunning for daily attachment to Group, pending posting to 320-1 Sqns as ALO vice Capt. Wilkie. 1400/L AIB request further drop to New Britain 24th Nov. Arranged with 90th Bomb Group. 2000/L message recieved from AIB patrol New Britain, that advice of Supply Drop had not been recieved, and signal fires were not ready when plane was over area.
24th	0100/L Briefed 320th&400th Sqn crews for Supply Drop. 0930/L Supply Drop interrogation- Both successful, photos taken. 1000/L Capt Dunning introduced to Group S-2's and brought up to date with current information. 2000/L Information collected from ALO 5 Bomb Command for Supply Drop to ANGAU party vicinity Sigaatok(Karawari River).
25th	0700/L Briefed 400Sqn (Lt McMullen) for Karawari Drop. 1000/L AIB requested further drop New Britain 26th Nov. Arranged with 90th Group, 319th Sqn allotted. Air Maintenance advised. 1400/L ALO conference at Bomcon. 1500/L Karawari drop successful, photos taken. 2000/L Inspection of photos at 8 Photo Sqn. 2100/L New Britain drop for tomorrow deferred due to weather. 2200/L ANGAU entertained supply drop Pilots and crews of 90th Group at Thanksgiving party.
26th	0400/L C-60 Courier crashed ref map Moresby 1" 848490. Plane discovered, details investigated and handed to Base Intelligence. 1400/L New Britain Supply Drop arranged for tomorrow morning.
27th	0100/L Briefed 319th Sqn with AIB for supply drop. Ground fog delayed T/O until too late for first light arrival at dropping area. Arranged for aircraft to take off from Dobodura this afternoon and stage out of there following morning. 0900/L Hq 1 Aust. AL Group advised of official posting of Capt. Dunning to 320th Sqn., and to command 38 Aust AL Section. 1330/L Capt Craig flew with Lt. Jacobson's crew to Dobodura, for T/O on New Britain supply drop following day. Arrived 1430/L.
28th	Capt Craig visited G-Air Aust Corps instead of going on drop.

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WAR DIARY (ctd)
11 Section.....1 Aust AL Group
90th Bomb Group Wards Drome

Date	Events
28th Nov (ctd)	Arranged for Lt Jacobson to call in at Bobodura on return from mission 0416/L Lt Jacobsoh's plane crashed on T/O. 8 killed. Report made by airfield OPS. 1000/L Other 319th plane abandoned drop and returned to base. 0400/L Advised that AIB patrols pursued, other projected drops to be cancelled until new locations advised.
29th	Routine Duties.
30th	0100/L Pamphlets loaded on Weather ship to Madang, also strike. Pamphlets dropped over target area. 0600/L Group Briefing for strike, Cape Gloucester and Alexishafen. On occasions time not available, prior to T/O for briefing on ground situation, and only one Sqn. can be dealt with at Sqn. briefing Even though missions return to same targets, constant briefing on ground situation is necessary, due to changes and participation of new air crews, and other special conditions. For future operations it is proposed to circulate Sqns, prier to briefing, latest situation briefly by teletype, for Sqn S-2's with any necessary comments at Group briefing. 1300/L Investigated the possibility of dropping pamphlets in RAAF flares, together with Sgt. Stumbles FELO. Fitted flare to Liberator bomb rack to ascertain necessary adjustments to flare attachments. 1400/L Lt. Eglington RANVR AIB called for information for dropping 4 chute packs to New Britain Patrols. Recommended B-25 and sent him to 5 Bomcom. 2000/L Arranged pamphlets for weather ship to Wewak

S/Ldr R.S. Dunning
.....Capt.
11 Section
1 Aust AL Group AIF

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M. 1000 2/42 — Unit ALO, 19 Bomb Sqn, attached USAAF — Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	~~Hour~~	Summary of Events and Information	~~Remarks and references to Appendices thereto &c.~~
	25		Sqn engaged on M and T. Nil activity. Transition for new pilots. American Thanks Giving Day. Contacted ALO., FATF, Capt Stephens, re probably mission for 19 Sqn. Briefing at 22 Gp 2100 hrs for mission by the four Sqns on Barge Hide outs and possible stores, MAPARIWA River, 4 Miles SE of SIO.	
	26		Briefing for mission MAPARIWA River area. Mission No 329AA. 9 B26s. Over target 0954. 8 B26s bombed the target from 4[illegible] Bombing considered accurate. Small fires and brown smoke were observed in the area. 11½ tons bombs. Photos were taken of bombing runs. Sightings of barges were previously reported. 1 a/c returned and two a/c had bombs hung up. ~~Both salvoed over GONA wreck. Weather clear, visibility good. Contacted 2 Aust Corps and Capt Stephens, ALO., FATF,~~ re maps. photographs etc. Contacted Lieut Horan, ALO., 3S Sqn with regard to leave to Sydney and necessary work in hand.	
	27		Sqn engaged on M and T. Contacting 22 Gp with I.O.. Inspection for Jeep at LAE, SCPUTA. Contacted 11 Div I.O.. Arranging Canteen Supplies for Sqn PX. Sqn meeting and discussions. Briefing 22 Gp for mission on BUNA-WAREO Track in support of Ground Forces.	
	28		Sqn briefing for mission No.351DD in which 7 B26s bombed BUNA-WAREO Track in support 9 Aust Div. Altitude of attack 5500 ft. ~~Two runs were made over the target and all bombs were dropped on the second run. Bombing was accurate and~~ all bombs fell in target area. Explosions, dust and smoke were observed but actual damage could not be assessed though thick timber. 10 tons of bombs were dropped and photographs were taken of bombing. Sightings were observed as reported immediately a/c returned. Weather - clear, visibility good. Contacted 43 Gp H.Q. re situation maps and assistance etc. Contacted Intelligence Officer, 3S Sqn. Delivered summary, discussed situation &c.etc. Briefing 22 Gp for mission on Store Dumps and personnel area CAPE GLOUCESTER.	
	29		~~Mission No. 352BB. 9 B26s. Bomb supply dumps and personnel areas CAPE GLOUCESTER. Over target 0908/29L Altitude 10,000 ft. All bombs dropped to the right of the target area in clearings no apparent damage was observed. 11 tons of bombs were dropped and photographs were taken of the bombing. Sightings were negligable although bombing from other Sqns of the 22 Group appeared accurate. Nil Interception AA light medium inaccurate. Pamphlets were dropped over target area. Contacted 3S Sqn, 63 Sqn re information, summarys. Bringing up to date situation maps etc.~~	
	30		~~Sqn engaged on M and T. Mission 353 was conducted by 2 B26s in search in HUON GULF area for lost PBC. Time of search 1300L to 1655L. Nil sightings were reported. A quantity of oil drums and debris were generally scattered over the area of the search which was made from altitudes of 500 to 1000 ft. A small rowing boat with two oars was observed unattended at 1446L position 06 degrees 50 minutes South 147 degrees 28 minutes East. Weather - clear, visibility unlimited. Contacted 2 Aust Corps and ALO., FATF. Rearranging strat maps 63 Sqn. Briefing for mission 22 Group H.Q. at 0930 hrs.~~	

Capt.
A.L.O.

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Unit ALO, 19 Bom Sqn attached to USAAF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 45 To 30 Nov 45.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	18		Briefing for mission No.321AA close support for Ground Forces SATELBERG area. 6 B26s bombed the target from 5000 ft all bombs were observed to fall in the target area estimated to contain supplies and personnel. Explosions, smoke and dust and one large flash followed by an explosion was observed in the centre of the target area (probably ammo dump). Actual damage could not be observed accurately assessed through thick timber. 7½ tons were dropped and photos were taken on both bombing runs. Nil enemy sightings, opposition nil. Weather was estimated 8/10 cumulus clouds 3000 ft over target area. A front was observed developing eastwards towards LAE. Briefing 22 Gp for mission 19 Nov.	
	19		~~Sqn briefing for mission No.322AA. 6 B26s bombed KULUNGTUFU Village, buildings store dumps and personnel from 8,500 ft~~ Bombs were observed to overshoot target area. Two flights bombed the target area coming in from the E and W in opposit directions. Bombs fell in the timber to the N of the target and within 50 yds of the Village. No apparent damage to buildings or village. 7½ tons of bombs were dropped and photos were taken. Nil sightings, nil opposition. Failure to to hit the target appeared to be an inaccuracy in estimating the height of the target causing bombs to over shoot.	
	20		Contacted 2 Corps, ALOs weekly meeting FATF. Briefing 22 Gp for mission for 20 Nov. Sqn briefing for mission No.323AA. 6 B26s bombed KULUNGTUFU and BOPONG Villages in support of Ground Forces, between ~~0852 and 0856 hrs from a height of 7500 ft. Two runs were made over both targets. All bombs were observed to blanket~~ both target areas. The mission and five buildings were destroyed in KULUNGTUFU Village. 3 buildings were destroyed in BOPONG Village and hits were observed on tracks through the timber N and S of the village. 12 tons bombs were dropped Photos were taken. Nil enemy sightings. Numerous trucks were observed and buildings for the most part appeared comparatively new and well used. No opposition. Contacted 11 Aust Div, 2 Aust Corps, 2, 33 and 406 Sqns and ALOs, FATF.	
	21		Sqn opened Officers' Club. All Commanding Officers present. Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Contacted Capt Chustoph, RAN Comd Rumr, Spent the day with ~~American and Australian Naval Officers and Officers from the Sqn. Inspected barges, LSTs and destroyers in the Bay.~~ Contacted ALO., FATF and 11 Aust Div.	
	22		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Usual morning discussion with all Officers on ground situation, bomb lines etc. Assisting I. O. in arranging target photos and target map for discussion with combat crews. Contacted 2 Aust Corps, Major Ogilvie, 22 Gp I.O. and Capt Stephens, FATF.	
	23		Sqn engaged on M & T transition for new pilots. Contacting 480 Service Gp re stationery etc and Intelligence supplies. ~~Contacted 11 Div Engineers re parts for Allis Chalmer Tractor for Sqn C.O.~~ Contacted 5 Group re photos films etc. Arranging talks for combat crews. Briefing at 22 Gp for mission to KALASA Village. Arranging maps, photos, briefing material etc.	
	24		Mission 327BB, 10 B26s TOT 0830 Bomb KALASA Village Buildings store dumps etc. 9 B26s Bombed Village from 5500 Ft. All bombs observed to fall in target area. Bombing considered accurate and effective. Direct hits observed on buildings and explosions, fires and smoke were observed throughout area. 13½ tons bombs dropped. A/c took photographs. Sightings included barges etc along coast which were reported. 1 a/c returned to base with engine trouble. Pamphlets dropped over area. Interrogation of crews and assisting Intelligence Officer.	

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Unit ALOs, 19 Sqn, attached to USAAF. Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	10		19 Bomb Sqn move to MORESBY. Take off 0930 hrs arrived JACKSON's 1015; based with 500 Sqn. Contacted 5 Bomb Cond and MTP re transport. Contacted 22 Gp HQ at 345 Gp HQ. Mission scheduled briefing 1330 hrs. Contacted all Sqns 22 Gp. Pamphlet dropping arranged over ALEXISHAFEN. Bomb trailer and transport not available. All crews remained up all night loading bombs.	
	11		Sqn alerted at 0730. Briefing at 0830 for mission to ALEXISHAFEN area. Contacted 5 Bomb Cond and MTP re transport arrangements. Sqn taken off alert 1130 hrs. Orders report immediately to DOBODURA. Bombs unloaded and take off 1330 Weather completely closed in to 16,000 ft. Only three a/c got through, remainder returned to JACKSON'S Field was based with 489 Sqn. Contacted ALO., 5 Bomb Cond.	
	12		Remaining a/c taken off for DOBODURA 0730. One a/c had motor cut at 12,000 ft and returned to MORESBY to rectify trouble. ALO was with this a/c and remained all day awaiting a/c to be got back into commission. Remained overnight in MORESBY quartered 500 Sqn. Sqn engaged on M & T. Mil activity.	
	13		Left MORESBY 0730 for DOBODURA. Sqn conducted mission No.315BB. TOT 1557 to 1606. Task to bomb stores and personnel in wooded area East of KIARI Village. 6 B26s Height 3000 ft. Two flights bombed the target and all bombs fell in target area. Bombing considered accurate. Resultant damage unobserved through thick timbers. 9½ tons 100 lb inst demo was dropped. Nil A/A Mil sighting. One Bombardier was injured when the gun jammed and backfired.	
	14		Sqn engaged on M & T. Mil activity. Contacted 11 Div, 2 Aust Corps re maps. Contacted ALO., PATF, re information, maps etc. Arranging new situation maps, Sqn duties and Intelligence work.	
	15		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Contacted ALO., PATF re information possible mission FINSCHHAFEN area. Securing maps, photo maps of target areas. Contacted 480 Supply re equipment material etc. Contacted 11 Aust Div re electrical fittings for Sqn and Aust Defence Canteens for Sqn Ms. Briefing for mission 1930 hrs at 22 Gp HQ. Securing photographs, arranging briefing data with I.O.	
	16		Mission No.319 BB Target - Personnel and store dump areas FIAP and MAKAU in support of ground forces. 4 B26s made th attack from 4500 ft. All bombs were observed to fall in the target area N and S of the Suspension Bridge situated NE of FIAP Village. Bomb explosions were observed throughout the area and black smoke was seen to rise as a/c left the area. Results were not apparent through heavy timber. Bombing considered accurate. 7½ tons of bombs were dropped. Photos were taken. Nil enemy sightings; opposition Nil. The undercarriage collapsed on one machine before the take off injuring one bombardier and completely wrecking the a/c. Contacted ALO., MTP and 22 Gp HQ re briefing for Mission on 17 Nov. Securing maps, photographs, assisting Sqn I.O.	
	17		Briefing for Mission No.320BB. Target - Ground support SATTELBERG Area. 7 B26s made 5 to 6 runs over the target area which was completely clouded in. All bombs were returned to base. Nil enemy sightings. Nil opposition. Weather estimated 6/8/10 low cumulus clouds 2000ft over target. Scattered clouds and heavy rain squalls moving E towards FINSCHHAFEN. Contacted 22 Gp re briefing for mission on 18 Nov. Contacted 2 Aust Corps and ALO., PATF re photographs etc.	

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Unit. A.L.O. attached to 19 Bomb Sqn, USAAF. *Date and Time.—From* 1 Nov 43 *To* 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1		Mission to SATELBERG cancelled due to weather. Air crew personnel on stand-by until 1400 hrs. Contacted 5 Bom Comd Capt Timms. Securing ALO's Bulletins for distribution to 408, 33, 19 and 2 Sqns. Contacted N G Force G Air. Arranging for series of photographs from 5 photo sec. Assisting I.O. General Liaison duties.	
	2		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Contacted 5 Bomb Comd, Capt Timms, re information summaries etc. ~~Distribution to Sqns. Contacted stationery re supplies etc. General Liaison duties.~~	
	3		Sqn alerted to move to Dobodura, returning transport. Contacted 408, 33, 19 and 2 Sqns and made distribution. Contacted 5 Bomb Comd re maps etc. Contacted 5 Air Force re photographs and 22 Gp re return of maps etc. Sqn returned to DOBODURA; landed 1430. Contacted Capt Stephens, ALO, FATF, re instructions.	
	4		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Contacted 11 Aust Div, 2 Aust Corps, ALO, Capt Stephens, FATF, securing maps, information, Intelligence summaries etc. Jeep out of commission for repairs etc.	
	5		Mission No. 808 DD. 6 B26s 15 Sqn. Close support for Infantry, BOGADJIM area. ATD 0905 TOT 1000 ATA 1140. ~~Results - All bombs observed to fall in the area designated by artillery smoke bracket. Results were unobserved~~ through thick timber; smoke from previous flights over the target area was observed. Explosions from own a/c were observed among trees along the crest of the ridge and along the river bed to the NE of the designated target area. 87 tons - 150 x 100 lb inst demo. Nil enemy activities. Nil opposition. 1 a/c returned to base shortly after take off due to engine trouble. Bombs were salvoed in bombai grass south of CAPE WARD HUNT. A further a/c did not drop bombs due to failure of bomb doors to open. Weather overcast to and from the target. All a/c reported indications excellent and could be seen for approximately 5 miles as a/c circled the area. Bombing was considered accurate.	
	6		Sqn alerted; proposed mission on KIARI Village by 22 Gp. Briefing FATF. Sqn stood down at 1400 hrs. Contacted 33 Sqn ALO, FATF, 22 Group HQ with regard to mission etc.	
	7		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Later alerted for proposed strike on KIARI Village. Cancelled because of weather 1600 hrs. Maintenance to jeep. ALO, 345 Fighter Sqn, Capt Coasted remaining at Sqn for proposed further missions. Contacted 11 Aust Div, ALO., FATF, re photographs, maps etc.	
	8		Sqn engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Flew to MORESBY on Sqn duty. Contacted 5 Air Force, 5 Fighter Command, 5 Bomb Comd, 5 Air, MG-, re information, mail, photographs. Returned to DOBODURA 1500 hrs. Weather overcast, heavy rains ~~post stood by to, Major Wiley, 11 Aust Div, Capt Stephens, ALO, FATF, re leave for Capt Turner and clerk for~~ Capt Wiley, ALO, 2 Sqn.	
	9		Squadron engaged on maintenance and training. Nil activity. Contacted 11 Aust Div IO, Capt Braddock, ALO, 89 Sqn. Rearranging maps to agree with new situation. Contacted ALO., FATF, Capt Stephens. Sqn alerted for move to MORESBY, long JACKSONS FIELD. Take off 0900 hrs 10 Nov 43. All Sqns 22 Gp to move. Acting ALO with 408, 2, 33 and 19 Sqns.	

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27 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec

Unit 1 Aust Air Liaison Gp. AIF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Milne Bay	1 Nov 43		Capt ABEY proceeded to Port Moresby — Conferred with HQ. 1 Aust A.L. Gp. and G(Air) N.G.F.	
	1 Nov 43 to 21 Nov 43		Section with 100 Squadron and 6 Squadron RAAF.	
			(a). Daily liaison maintained with Milne Bay Base Sub Area and 9 Operational Group RAAF	
			(b) A/A training flights arranged for 235 Aust A.A. Bty.	
			(c) Arranged for regular supply dropping to N.G.F. Air Warning Wireless Coys island outposts — both Squadrons participating	
			(d) Weekly addresses of works SWPA operations given to all ranks 43 OBU. RAAF.	
Milne Bay	11 Nov 43		NX 8291 L/Cpl CHATER PC posted to Section as Driver-Batman.	

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27 Aust Sqn A.L. Sec

Unit 1 Aust Air Liaison Sqn RAF Date and Time.—From 1 Nov 43 To 30 Nov 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
Goodenough	22 Nov 43		Capt Agey & SX17778 Pte Nairn DM proceeded to Goodenough Island.	
Goodenough	23 Nov 43		Conferred with AHQ 90G (Adv) re assuming duties as A.L.O. 71 Wing, RAAF.	
Goodenough	24 Nov 43		Conferred with Wing Comdr PELLY, C.O. 71 Wing RAAF re assuming duties as AHQ 71 Wing RAAF	
Goodenough	25 Nov 43		Section set up at 71 Wing RAAF Strip Operations Room. Liaison duties maintained with Nos 6 : 8 : 75 : 77 and 100 Squadrons RAAF.	
			[signature] Capt	
			AHQ 27 Aust Sqn A.L. Section.	

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Unit 27 Aust Sig Coy A.L. Section / 100 Squadron R.A.A.F. / G Squadron R.A.A.F. Date and Time.—From 1 SEP 43 To 30 SEP 43

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MILNE BAY	1 SEP 43		(a) Close contact maintained with 9 O.G.	
	30 SEP 43		R.A.A.F., and Milne Bay Fortress	
			Command.	
			(b) Army Cooperation arranged at	
			frequent intervals with 335 Aust Lt A.A. Bty	
			(Training) and Air Warning and Coast	
			Watching Unit (Supply dropping)	
			(c) Briefings and interrogations	
			attended covering Strikes and	
			seaward recce	
			J. R. D. McCay. CAPT	
			A.I.O.	

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Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Nov 1		Routine duties. Flying cancelled owing to weather. Lieut. BAXTER,	
			S2 341 Sqn, And AIO visited F.A.T.F.	
	Nov 2to5		Routine Liaison Duties.	
	Nov 6		Capt MILLER, assistant S2 348 Fitr Gp arrived to replace Lieut. ROTH.	
			AIO and Capt MILLER visited 475 Fitr Gp.	
	Nov 7		Routine duties. All flying cancelled owing to weather.	
	Nov 8		Warning order received by Capt MILLER to prepare to move to PORT	
			MORESBY. 340 Sqn, 341 Sqn and 342 Sqn departed 1500 hrs.	
	Nov 9		AIO And Capt MILLER arrived PORT MORESBY at 1030 hrs.	
	Nov 10,11		Routine duties.	
	Nov 12		Arrangements made by AIO to leave for FINSCHHAFEN with advance party	
			consisting of Officers and men from each Squadron of 348 Fitr Gp.	
			Visited Capt LAKE (G AIR) and arranged for jeep to be made available to	
			this section. Other business discussed and arrangements made.	

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Unit _____ Date and Time.—From _____ To _____

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	Nov ~~Oct~~ 13		Final arrangements made . Departed for PORT MORESBY from Group HQ at	
			1800 hrs. Finally left PORT MORESBY in invasion barges very early	
			on Oct 14.	
	Nov ~~Oct~~ 14 to 30		AIO in forward area. Routine liaison duties carried out by Clerk.	
			Squadron maps kept up to date and Information Summaries forwarded to	
			Squadron Intelligence daily.	

[signature] Capt.
1 AIR LIAISON GROUP AIF

Aust. AIR LIASON GROUP

- 3 NOV 1943

A-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Report No. 306.

SECRET
AUTH: C.G.
UNITS:
DATE: 2/11/43

FROM: 1600/1/11/43/L.
TO : 1800/2/11/43/L.

V BOMBER COMMAND
APO 929

I. ALLIED OPERATIONS.

A. Air Forces.

RABAUL: 1 F-5 of the 6th Photo Squadron (305 W) photographed TOBERA, RAPOPO, VUNAKANAU and KERAVAT Airdromes and the RABAUL Town and Harbor from 0945/L to 1000/L. Intense, heavy, accurate to inaccurate A/A fire was encountered at 32000 feet in the Harbor area. The usual shipping was reported in SIMPSON HARBOR. 6 unidentified M/V's were sighted off CAPE GAZELLE heading into BLANCHE BAY.

1 F-5 of the 6th Photo Squadron (305 X) photographed KERAVIA BAY, BLANCHE BAY, SIMPSON HARBOR, LAKUNAI Airdrome and the coastline in vicinity of VUNAPOPE from 1400/L to 1425/L. All shipping in harbor was maneuvering. One approximately 4000 ton M/V was observed to sink off FRIED POINT at 1405/L. One unidentified M/V was observed to sink 1 mile offshore in KERAVIA BAY at 1410/L. A large fire was observed from the South part of LAKUNAI Airdrome at 1415/L. During time F-5 was over area, 6 unidentified airplanes were seen to crash.

NUBIA-MADANG: 1 F-5 and 1 F-4 of the 6th Photo Squadron (305 Y) took operational photos of MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN, mapping photos from MADANG to the RAMU RIVER and operational photos of NUBIA Airdrome. At 1130/L, one small launch was seen in MADANG Harbor heading South-Southwest at 8 knots. At 1150/L, 3 small harbor craft were seen in HANSA BAY. Airplanes were over target from 1130/L to 1215/L.

NADZAB-LAE: 1 B-25 D-1 of the 498th Squadron (305 F) completed 100% a weather recce to YULE, BULLDOG, PASS and NADZAB. There were nil sightings. Airplane took off at 0622/L and landed at 0851/L.

1 B-25 G of the 822nd Squadron (305 G) completed 100% a Courier Mission to GUSAP, NADZAB and LAE. Airplane took off at 0715/L and landed at 1450/L. There were nil sightings.

SEA SEARCHES: 1 B-24 of the 90th Group (305 A) took off at 0756/L to carry out an armed recco to 0245N-14940E, 0200N-15140E. Airplane landed at DOBODURA on return. No Final Mission Report has been received.

1 B-24 of the 64th Squadron (305 C) completed 100% an armed recco of the Eastern BISMARCK SEA. Airplane took off at 0729/L and landed at 1715/L. There were nil sightings throughout entire search.

1 B-24 of the 65th Squadron (305 D) completed 100% an armed recco of the Northern SOLOMON SEA. One unidentified airplane was sighted at 1340/L at 06350-15340E. Airplane resembled a Transport, was on course 350 degrees and had relatively slow speed. There were nil other sightings.

1 B-24 of the 400th Squadron (305 B) completed 100% an armed recco of the BISMARCK SEA. 2 X 500 lb. bombs were dropped at 1328/L from 20000 feet at buildings on Southeast end of GAROVE ISLAND. Bombs fell over and short of the buildings with nil apparent damage. Photos were taken of the bombing and a photographic mosaic was taken of GARCVE ISLAND. Light, medium, inaccurate A/A fire was encountered over GARCVE ISLAND. There were nil sightings throughout entire search.

NOTE: Included in this report are the following Final Mission Reports from FAFF:

305 BE. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25, 408th Squadron.

AREA OF SEARCH: DOBODURA to WIDE BAY.

305 BB. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25, 408th Squadron.

AREA OF SEARCH: DOBODURA to CAPE ORFORD.

The following mission was cancelled today:

305 E. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-24, 90th Group.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to RABAUL and return.

B. Ground Forces.

FINSCHHAFEN AREA: Our troops are maintaining pressure against Jap positions approximately 700 yards West of JIVEVANENG. Patrolling continued in all areas.

F. [illegible]: [illegible] has p[illegible] t[illegible] [illegible]th Jap line of com[illegible] [illegible]ntact. [illegible] reported contact with enemy. In the Upper FARIA RIVER area our troops maintained contact with enemy, inflicting casualties.

II. ENEMY OPERATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

A. Ground Forces.

None reported.

B. Air Forces.

DAILY ESTIMATE OF JAPANESE LAND BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE SOUTHWESTERN AREA
2 November, 1943.

Estimate by A-2, V Bomber Command:

NEW GUINEA:	F	B/B	L/B	D/B	F/B	F/C	T/C	TOTAL	STATUS CHANGE
WEWAK	4	1	5			3		13	0
BOGAI	8	3	2					13	0
HOLLANDIA	8	23	10					41	0
MADANG	---	13	---			---		13	0
Total	20	40	17			3		80	0

N. SOLOMONS & N. BISMARCKS:								
RABAUL	17		6			4	27	0
VUNAKANAU	35	25	7				67	+49
LAKUNAI	107	2	21				130	+97
RAPOPO	4	12	1				17	+3
KAVIENG					2	20	22	0
TOBERA	26	---	---		---	---	26	-12
Total	189	39	35		2	24	289	+137

SOLOMONS:							
BUKA	1	4	1			6	-6
BONIS	1					1	+1
KAHILI	3					3	-3
BALALE	3					3	0
FAISI					9	9	-13
KORA	---	---	---		---	0	-1
Total	8	4	1		9	22	-24

Comments:

1. [illegible] and [illegible] count is from photos taken 1/11/43. KAVIENG, KAVIENG and [illegible] were photoed 31/10/43. Recent photos have repeatedly failed to disclose many F/P's in the [illegible]. 9 F/P's are allowed to remain as an estimate.

2. [illegible] was photoed 30/10/43. No photos have been taken recently of other operational NEW GUINEA dromes. It is believed this area has received reinforcements but they may be sent [illegible] to replace enemy losses in RABAUL.

3. All RABAUL dromes were photoed before today's strike. VUNAPOPO was only 60% covered and 1 T/P and 2 F/P have been added to photo count. No effort will be made to estimate enemy airplane strength remaining following the strike until all reports of interception and damage to grounded airplanes can be tabulated and assessed. At time of going to press, only a portion of the preliminary mission reports are available. The large increase in enemy fighter strength probably came into RABAUL area by carrier or auxiliary carrier.

III. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS.

SHIPPING: 30/10/43. (302 A).

One Tanker of the KAMBOKU MARU Class, 10,200 gross tons, underway at position 01505-14945E, course reported as 320 degrees.

SHIPPING: 31/10/43. (303 A).

One Tanker, approximately 10,000 gross tons, under attack at position 01155-14915E. Bombs did not appear to have damaged ship. Course reported as 130 degrees.

These two ships are not identical, but the following characteristics hold for both.

CAPABILITIES: A top speed of 20 knots and oil capacity of 110,000 barrels are the chief assets.

ARMAMENT: Gun platforms on bow and stern are thought to carry 75 mm A/A guns which are most effective between 3000 and 23000 feet. Below 7000 feet they neither train or fire fast enough to be a serious menace to airplanes. Smaller caliber guns are probably on the bridge, but automatic fire from Japanese merchant ships is slight.

IV. FINAL MISSION REPORTS.

304 a. AIR SEA RESCUE - 1 B-24, 65th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0720/1/L to 1600/1/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: 0245N-14940E, 0200N-15140E, 0235S-14920E, 0330S-14930E and return.

TARGET: Tare-Baker at 02358-14930E.

RESULTS: 4 X 500 lb. inst. dem. bombs were dropped at 1141/L from 6000 feet (50 feet interval) at a Tare-Baker at 02350-14930E. A direct hit was scored on bow of ship. Ship appeared to disappear amidst turbulent water. When last seen vessel was turned 120 degrees, motionless, had 45 degree list and black smoke was billowing from the bow. Photos were taken of ships, (See FIGHTER 3), of NO OTHER Airframe, and of barges at LOU ISLAND (02258-14725E). Recce was 90% completed. Area North of 0100N was not searched due to shortage of fuel from circling convoy. Route followed was: ROTUMA ISLAND, 0330S-14930E, 02358-14920E, 0050N-15100E, 0100N-14920E, 0100S-14850E, MANUS ISLAND, 0300S-14850E, ROTUMA ISLAND and return.

A/A: Slight, medium, inaccurate from bow of Tare-Baker and Sugar-Able.

SHIPPING: At 1125/L from 6000 feet, 1 Tare-Baker, 1 Tare-Baker Two Stack and 1 Sugar-Able were sighted at 02358-14930E on course 130 degrees at speed of 12 knots. At 1510/L from 9000 feet at LOU ISLAND, 10 barges were seen on Southwest coast and 5 on Southeast coast. Many buildings were seen on the South end of the Island. One building was large with a red roof.

GENERAL: Airplane landed at KENT INN at 1600/1/L and remained there overnight.

WEATHER: EN SEARCH SEA, 4/10 to 6/10 cumulus, base 1500 feet, tops 7000 feet. NOON FIX, 10/10 cumulus 0 to 12000 feet. KENT INN ISLAND, 5/10 cumulo-nimbus 1500 to 10000 feet. Ranges, CLOUD, 2/10 cumulus in Valleys.

305 F. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25 D-1, 40th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0022/2/L to 0052/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to TULE, NUKUOC, PASS, MADCAB and return.

RESULTS: Mission was completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: YULE, 0635/L, tops of low clouds 11000 feet, 1/10, upper clouds 10000 feet, visibility 20 miles. YULE, 0650/L, tops of low clouds 2000 feet, 3/10, upper clouds unlimited, 3/10, visibility unlimited. Pass, 0710/L, tops of low clouds 14000 feet, 7/10, upper clouds unlimited, 2/10, visibility unlimited. MADANG, 0720/L, tops of low clouds 6000 feet, 6/10, upper clouds unlimited, 0/10, visibility unlimited.

305 J. PHOTO RECCO - 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: 0945/2/L to 1000/2/L.

AREA OF PHOTO: RABAUL.

RESULTS: Operational photos were taken of TOKUNA, RAPOPO, VUNAKANAU and LAKUNAI Airdromes and RABAUL Town and Harbor.

A/A: Intense, heavy, accurate to inaccurate from Harbor area at 0950/L at 32000 feet.

SIGHTINGS: Usual shipping was seen in SIMPSON HARBOR. 6 unidentified M/V were seen off CAPE GAZELLE heading into BLANCHE BAY.

WEATHER: Front building up West of GAZELLA, cumulus tops 30000 feet. Ranges, broken cumulus, tops 8000 feet.

305 Y. PHOTO RECCO - 1 F-4 and 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: 1130/2/L to 1215/2/L.

AREA OF PHOTO: NULIA, MADANG, ALEXISHAFEN.

RESULTS: F-5 took operational photos of MADANG and ALEXISHAFEN and mapping photos from MADANG to the RAMU RIVER on heading of 264 degrees. F-4 took operational photos of NULIA Airdromes.

SIGHTINGS: At 1130/L, one small launch was seen in MADANG Harbor heading South-Southwest at 5 kts. At 1250/L, 3 small harbor craft were seen in HANSA BAY.

WEATHER: Ranges, built up to 17000 feet, cumulus. MADANG-NULIA, open.

305 K. PHOTO RECCO - 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: 1400/2/L to 1425/2/L.

AREA OF PHOTO: RABAUL.

RESULTS: Photos were taken of KERAVIA BAY on heading of 360 degrees, BLANCHE BAY on heading of 310 degrees, SIMPSON HARBOR and LAKUNAI airdrome on heading of 60 degrees (Twice) and coastline in vicinity of VUNAPOPE.

SIGHTINGS: All shipping was maneuvering in Harbor. At 1405/L, one approximately 4000 ton M/V was observed to sink off PRAED POINT. At 1410/L, one unidentified M/V was observed to sink 1 mile offshore of KERAVIA BAY. At 1415/L, a large fire was observed on South part of LAKUNAI airdrome. During time over area, 6 unidentified airplanes were observed to crash.

WEATHER: RABAUL, 6/10 cumulus to 30000 feet, NEW BRITAIN, 8/10 cumulus.

305 G. COURIER MISSION - 1 B-25 G, 822nd Squadron.

TIME OF MISSION: 0715/2/L to 1450/2/L.

AREA OF MISSION: Courier Mission to GUSAP, NADZAB, LAE and return.

RESULTS: Mission completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: Enroute, cumulus to 14000 feet, ground fog in MARKHAM-RAMU VALLEY. On return, cumulus to 14000 feet.

305 BB. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25, 408th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0534/2/L to 0953/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to CAPE ORFORD and return.

RESULTS: Mission completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: To CAPE ORFORD, 0600/L, scattered showers, alto-stratus, 3/10 covered. 0620/L, scattered cumulus, 4/10 covered over and under at 900 feet. At CAPE ORFORD and to KIMBINA, clear. KIMBINA, 0750/L, showers, visibility 10 to 15 miles. KIMBINA to DOROUNA, clear.

305 BB. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25, 408th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0415/2/L to 0815/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to WIDE BAY and return.

RESULTS: Mission completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: Enroute to WIDE BAY, 3/10 stratus at 1000/5000 feet. WIDE BAY, CAVU. ST. GEORGES CHANNEL, 5/10 cumulus. On return, clear for 70 miles South. KIRIWINA, rain squalls. KIRIWINA to DOBODURA, 3/10 cumulus.

305 C. ARMED RECCO - 1 B-24, 64th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0729/2/L to 1715/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: CAPE WARD HUNT, FINSCHHAFEN, 0330S-14720E, 0330S-14610E, 0230S-14610E, 0230S-14510E, 0130S-14510E, 0115S-14420E, 0310S-14340E, KANKAN ISLAND, 0510S-14600E and return.

RESULTS: Recce was completed 100% along the following route: CAPE WARD HUNT, FINSCHHAFEN, 0330S-14720E, 0330S-14610E, 0230S-14610E, 0230S-14510E, 0130S-14510E, 0115S-14420E, 0310S-14340E, 0115S-14420E, 0310 S-14340E, KANKAN ISLAND, 0510S-14600E, VITIAZ STRAITS and return. Photos were taken of buildings on HEWITT ISLAND (0130S-14510E). There were nil sightings throughout entire search.

WEATHER: Ranges enroute out, crossed at 9500 feet, 2/10 cirrus up to 20000 feet. HUON GULF, 2/10 overcast cirrus at 20000 feet. BISMARCK SEA, 1/10 to 2/10 overcast at 18000 feet. Visibility good over entire search area. HUON GULF on return, 2/10 overcast at 20000 feet. Ranges on return, 6/10 cumulus, tops from 11000 to 20000 feet. Through pass at 15000 feet.

305 D. ARMED RECCO - 1 B-24, 65th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0825/2/L to 1717/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: CAPE NELSON, 0600S-15140E, 0600S-15320E, 0535S-15330E, 0535S-15230E, 0450S-15230E, 0450S-15400E, 0615S-15400E and return.

RESULTS: Recce was completed 100% as ordered.

SIGHTINGS: At 1430/L from 1500 feet, a dark unidentified airplane was sighted at 0635S-15240E on course 340 degrees. Airplane resembled a Transport. Speed of airplane was relatively slow. Airplane passed across flight path 1 mile ahead and 1000 feet below. There were nil other sightings throughout remainder of recce.

WEATHER: Northern SOLOMON SEA, 5/10 cumulus, 3000/6000 feet. East-West front North of KIRIWINA ISLANDS between 15000E and 15200E. Ranges via HOOD POINT, 3/10 cumulus from mountain tops to 7000 feet, 3/10 alto-stratus at 20000 feet.

305 B. ARMED RECCO - 1 B-24, 400th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0958/2/L to 1836/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: CAPE WARD HUNT, CAPE GLOUCESTER, 0500S-15100E, 0410S-15100E; 0410S-14650E, 0320S-14650E, 0320S-15000E, 0230S-14800E, DAMPIER STRAITS and return.

TARGET: GAROVE ISLAND.

RESULTS: 2 X 500 lb. inst. demo. bombs were dropped at 1328/L from 20000 feet at buildings at Southeast end of GAROVE ISLAND. 1 bomb fell short and the other over with nil apparent damage. A photo mosaic was taken of GARKVE ISLAND from 1245/L to 1328/L. Photos were also taken of the bombing. Recce was 100% completed as ordered. There were nil sightings.

A/A: Slight, medium, inaccurate A/A bursting below altitude at 5000/6000 feet over GAROVE ISLAND.

WEATHER: Ranges, clear enroute, 2/10 to 7/10 scattered cumulus throughout recce. DAMPIER STRAITS, clear. Ranges building up to 25000 feet at 1800/L.

V. FIGHTER COMMAND REPORTS.

6 Squadrons of P-38's escorted B-25 D-1's to RABAUL today. Only a few preliminary reports have been received at this time. Complete details of the mission will be carried in tomorrow's Periodic Report.

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Major, Air Corps,
A-2, Ass't Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

Paul E. Hauman

PAUL E. HAUMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
A-2 Duty Officer.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN MADISON:

The wreckage of 3 huge six motored Morseburg 323 Transport planes, in one of which 122 German soldiers apparently perished, has been found near Bastia airfield in Corsica as well as many JU 52 Troop Carriers blown up by the Germans because escape appeared impossible.

Allied Armies in Italy have found no trace of Larry Allen, Associated Press correspondent captured at Tobruk by the Italians September, 1942, who was reported Sunday to have arrived in Southern Italy after escaping from a German prison camp. Indications are the report was incorrect.

While no official announcement has been made of possible plans to move Headquarters to Italy, a number of units formerly stationed here have gone forward and General Eisenhower and many other top-ranking officers spend much less time here than before.

NAPLES:

Electric current cables were thrown off in one section of Naples Monday and residents were greatly relieved when the lights went on and nothing else had happened. A thorough search had been made of the zone for mines the Germans might have left wired to explode when the current was restored.

The Allied 5th and 8th armies, laboring forward in mud and rain, have captured 21 more Italian towns and villages including Teano, in grim fighting at the approaches to the German's massive new trans-Peninsula defense barrier. Teano, important road junction 10 miles Northeast of the enemy's towering Mount Massico stronghold, fell to General Clark's 5th Army after a 1 mile uphill fight against elements of the crack Hermann Goering Division, a Headquarters Communique announced. In another spectacular thrust, American troops advanced 5 miles through dampours and up steep mountain slopes to take Valleagricolt, perched on a 2000 foot hill 4 miles North of Raviscanina. Clark's men also enveloped the villages of Liliica, Otello, Mon[illegible] and Neviere.

GREECE: TURKEY:

Already confronted by chaotic guerrilla warfare in Yugoslavia, the Germans have opened a full fledged offensive against 50,000 Greeks [illegible] in disputing camps. The Germans obviously are seeking to take advantage of the patriot dissension and put down armed resistance before it gets out of hand. Careful investigation indicates the real roof of the conflict is between the Elas or [illegible] Patriots of Colonel Serachis in Thessaly, and the Edes Army of Colonerkas.

LONDON:

General Feodor Tolbuhin's Steppe Army racing Northward toward the lower Dniepr River, has cut the Germans retreat route from the Crimea [illegible] the capture of the town of Perekop, at the Northwestern entrance into the Peninsula. Soviet units have sent the Germans reeling along the retreat road above the [illegible]ion, it was reported from Moscow.

BODRUM: TURKEY:

A report reaching here from a city on the Turkish coast opposite the Dodecanese Island of Symi, said that an attacking German amphibious force was beaten off by the Allies and forced back into the sea after suffering heavy losses. This action was reported to have occured on October, 28, 1943.

LONDON:

With the Nazi home front already flooded by a new wave of semi-official invasion alarms, a German broadcast Monday warned its listeners in the Reich that Allied preparations for amphibious operations on a grand and versatile scale now are in progress.

German U-Boats sank 39 merchant ships totalling 255,700 tons during October, the Berlin Radio said. The German High Command Communique said the German Navy and Air Force sank 52 merchantmen totalling 301,700 gross registered tons during October and damaged 13 more to almost total loss.

CHUNGKING:

The Japs, attempting a new two pronged drive from above Lake Tungting, apparently in another effort to conquer China's Hunan Province rice bowl, have been checked or thrown back although fierce fighting is still ranging, the Chinese High Command announced.

NEW YORK:

The Jap Radio said Monday that the Thailand Government was moving its Capital to the naturally fortified city of Petchaburi, about 100 miles North of Bangkok, the present capital.

WASHINGTON:

A military alliance of the United States, Great Britain and other nations which subscribe to the principles of the Atlantic Charter, was proposed in the Senate Monday as a means of preserving future peace. Senator McFarland, Democratic of Arizona, taking the floor in the Senate's second week debate on the Connally-Lodge resolution, told his colleagues that American, British and others of the United Nations should keep sufficiently armed after this war to put down any threat of aggression. He said he favored the resolution.

America, Britian, Russia and China told the world Monday they are jointly determined to crush their enemies into unconditional surrender and then as peace-time partners, work together for International Peace and Security. In solemn words the historic Moscow Conference set the tone for the greatest Allied effort in history. Insistence on full victory; a lasting organization of peace loving nations and cold vengeance for those of the enemy who have blundied their hands with barbarism. The account of conference accomplishments was announced simultaneously in the 4 countries.

The Army in another move reflecting the High Command's belief that the threat of enemy attack against Western United States has greatly diminished, separated the Alaska Defense Command from the Western Defense Command.

American Liberty ships like American bombers, are taking every thing the [illegible] can throw and are still chugging to port when by all rules of seaworthiness they should be on the bottom of the ocean, the War Shipping Administration said today in releasing the details on the shape of 3 ships hit by enemy bombs and mines, the Matt, Ransom and the John Eaton.

BOSTON: MASS:

An American destroyer which was split in 2 during the African campaign and which was repaired in what naval authorities described as "One of the most amazing epics of the war", is almost ready to go into battle again, the Commandant of the First Naval District said.

WASHINGTON:

Major General, Clayton L. Bissell, former Commanding General of the 10th Air Force in India, has been appointed Assistant Chief of the Air Staff for Intelligence, the War Department announced. Bissell commanded the 10th Air Force.

G.H.Q. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
COMMUNIQUE NO. 570, 2 November, 1943.

NEW IRELAND: KAVIENG:

Our medium units at night bombed Kavieng and Panapai airdromes, causing explosions and numerous large fires visible 35 miles. One of our heavy reconnaissance units bombed a 2000 ton cargo ship off Cape Siemens.

NEW BRITAIN:

Fighter patrols sank an enemy barge in Jacquinot Bay, destroyed a medium bomber near Cape Orford, and shot down an enemy reconnaissance plane North of Kiriwina. Our heavy reconnaissance units bombed and silenced anti-aircraft position at Cape Gloucester, damaged a coastal vessel at Long Island and attacked a village near Sio on the New Guinea coast.

NEW GUINEA: FINSCHHAFEN:

Our ground forces enveloped and destroyed an enemy strong point near Zimmering. Our dive bombers attacked enemy supply points.

SOLOMONS: SOUTH PACIFIC FORCES: BOUGAINVILLE: BUKA:

Our escorted heavy and medium units made four attacks on the airdrome area, thoroughly covering runways, revetments, and ground installations. One enemy bomber was destroyed and 7 others damaged on the ground. There was no interception. Medium units of Southwest Pacific area bombed the airdrome after dark.

KIETA:

Our torpedo and dive bombers with fighter escort attacked the airdrome, scoring hits on the runway, buildings and bivouac areas.

TREASURY ISLANDS:

Our ground forces captured enemy mortar and gun positions. Our anti-aircraft defenses shot down a lone enemy raider at night.

CHOISEUL:

Our ground forces advancing from their beachhead, drove the enemy back towards Sangigai.

BOUGAINVILLE:

Exploiting to the full our recent comprehensive air sweeps at Rabaul and in the Solomons, our right wing under Admiral Halsey was thrown forward approximately 200 miles into Central Bougainville on the morning of November first. In a combined ground, water and air movement, our forces seized and occupied Empress August, a Bay on the Western coast. The movement was unexpected by the enemy and there was little opposition. We are now in the rear of the enemy's position at Buin and in the Shortlands and are arthwart his line of supply in that area.

Aust. AIR LIASON GROUP

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A-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Report No. 307.

SECRET
AUTH: C.G.
UNITS: G.S.N.
DATE: 3/11/43

FROM: 1600/2/11/43/L.
TO : 1600/3/11/43/L.
V BOMBER COMMAND
APO 929

I. ALLIED OPERATIONS.

A. Air Forces.

RABAUL: 1 B-24 of the 321st Squadron (306 B) completed 100% a weather recce to RABAUL. Airplane took off at 2236/2/L and landed at 0807/3/L and was in the RABAUL area from 0205/L to 0400/L. Weather was reported half-hourly as ordered. There were nil sightings.

1 B-24 of the 403rd Squadron (306 C) completed 100% a weather recce to RABAUL. Airplane took off at 0045/L and landed at 1000/L. M/G fire was received from a position ½ to ¾ mile West of DARINA airdrome at 0715/L. 1 unidentified airplane passed below our airplane at 0300/L over WIDE BAY. One unidentified airplane followed our airplane for 2 to 5 minutes at 0315/L over WIDE BAY. At 0422/L, gun flashes from an unidentified source were seen in the RABAUL area. Supplies were dropped at designated points at 0600/L, 0630/L and 0700/L.

1 B-24 of the 403rd Squadron (306 C) completed 100% a weather recce to RABAUL. Airplane took off at 0450/L and landed at 0933/L. This was standby airplane and was ordered off from LOBODURA at 0450/L.

1 F-5 of the 8th Photo Squadron (306 W) photographed KERAVAT, VUNAKANAU across RABAUL Township, RAPOPO, TOBERA and possible CV from 0924/L to 0934/L. Photos were taken of ROSEHEWS POINT at 0950/L. Dark smoke fires were observed on decks in SIMPSON HARBOR at 0926/L. 1 possible CV was seen at 0412S-15155E heading West at an undetermined speed.

NOTE. Included in this report are consolidated preliminary Group Mission Reports from the 3rd, 38th and 345th Groups which attacked shipping in RABAUL HARBOR from 1337/2/L to 1410/2/L. No attempt is made to summarize results of this Strike as Final Mission Reports have not been received as yet.

The following missions were cancelled today:

306 A. [illegible] PR RECCO - 1 A-24, 90th Group.

AREA OF SEARCH: [illegible] & RABAUL and return.

306 F. STRIKE - 4 Squads [illegible] A-24's, 90th Group.

TARGET: RABAUL.

306 C. STRIKE - 3 Squadrons A-24's, 43rd Group.

TARGET: RABAUL.

The following information has been received from the 6 Squadrons of P-38's which escorted the B-25's to RABAUL on 2/11/43. 80 to 100 ZEROS, HAMPS, OSCARS and TONYS were estimated to be airborne in the area. P-38's claim to have shot down All enemy fighters definitely with 13 enemy fighters claimed as probable. 12 P-38's were lost in the action.

WEWAK: 1 F-5 of the 6th Photo Squadron (306 X) photographed WEWAK, WEWAK HARBOR and BOT from 1140/L to 1150/L. The vicinity of the [illegible] RIVER was photographed at 1230/L. At 1140/L, approximately 3 3000/4000 ton A/V's were seen stationary in WEWAK HARBOR (Sighting was obscured by clouds. Poles 8&8 only one photographed from 28000 feet).

CAPE GLOUCESTER: 1 F-4 of the 40Cth Squadron (306 I) was unable to complete a supply dropping mission to the GEFIK RIVER area because of weather. Airplane took off at 0652/L and landed at 1321/L. There were nil sightings.

MADANG - [illegible] RIVER: 2 F-4's of the 6th Photo Squadron (306 Y) took operational photos from the [illegible] RIVER to FIOR, DAGUA-ASEI POINT to MADANG and MADANG to vicinity of [illegible] as well as mapping flights in the DUMPU AREA from 1025/L to 1120/L. Operational photos were taken South of SAIDOR to MADANG and from CAPE KING WILLIAM to MOMEN from 1025/L to 1140/L. HOPE HAVEN was not reached due to weather. There were nil sightings.

[illegible]: 1 B-25 D-1 of the 498th Squadron (306 D) completed 100% a weather recce to ALEXISHAFEN. Airplane took off at 0445/L and landed at 0845/L. There were nil sightings throughout entire search.

1 B-25 D-1 of the 498th Squadron (306 E) completed 100% a weather recce to ALEXISHAFEN. Airplane took off at 0330/L and landed at 0800/L. There were nil sightings throughout entire search.

9 B-25 G's of the 822nd Squadron and 9 B-25 G's of the 823rd Squadron carried out a barge sweep from ALEXISHAFEN to BOGADJIM from 0946/L to 1007/L (306 H). 57 X 500 lb. bombs were dropped at barges, Villages and installations. 202 X 75 mm rounds, 11560-X .50 cal. and 4070 X .30 cal. were expended on the targets. 5 barges were destroyed, the jetty at DEMASA was destroyed, bridge over MATEN RIVER was destroyed, bridge over DAREN CREEK was damaged and supply dumps and several buildings in the area were damaged. An unidentified submerged vessel, possibly an SS, received possible damage by 75 mm fire. Moderate to intense, medium to heavy, accurate to inaccurate A/A fire was received from ALEXISHAFEN. Slight, heavy, inaccurate A/A fire was encountered over KAISA PLANTATION. M/G fire was received over ALEXISHAFEN. Results of bombing and strafing were generally unobserved due to low altitude and dense veliago. 60 to 12 barges were seen between ALEXISHAFEN and MADANG. Activity was apparent near DEMASA. No enemy airplanes were observed in the area. 1 B-25 G of the 823rd Squadron crashed in the water just North of BILI BILI ISLAND. All 5 crew members were seen in life raft headed towards BILI BILI ISLAND.

LAE-NADZAB: 1 B-25 G of the 823rd Squadron (306 H) completed 100% a Courier Mission to LAE, NADZAB, GUSAP and return. Airplane took off at 0630/L and landed at 1440/L. There were nil sightings.

SEA SEARCHES: 1 B-24 of the 320th Squadron (306 K) completed 100% a search for a convoy North of NEW HANOVER. There were nil sightings throughout entire search. Airplane took off at 0330/L and landed at DOBODURA at 0530/L due to mechanical trouble. Airplane took off again at 0640/L and returned to base at 1746/L.

1 B-24 of the 400th Squadron (306 P) completed 100% a convoy search North of NEW HANOVER. Convoy consisting of 2 DD's, 1 escort vessel and 3 Fox-Tare-Uncles was sighted at 1259/L from 9000 feet. Convoy was in position 01.40S-152.50E on a course of 250 degrees at a speed of 15 knots. At 1307/L from 9000 feet over convoy. 3 unidentified float-planes were observed approaching convoy. Identification as to type of vessels was not positive due to approach of enemy float planes. Airplane took off at 0329/L and returned to base at 1653/L.

1 B-24 of the 90th Group (306 ?) took off at 0745/L on an armed recce of the BIS[illegible] SEA. Airplane landed at DOBODURA at 1903/L. No Final Mission Report has been received.

NOTE: Included in this report are the following Final Mission Reports from FAIV:

305 DD. STRIKE - 12 A-31's, No. 24 Squadron R.A.A.F.

TARGET: Barge laid-up at MASSARINA.

305 CC. STRIKE - 9 A-[illegible]'s, [illegible] Squadron.

TARGET: (1) Staging area, 645735 (Map Ref. FORTIFICATION POINT 1/25000).

(2) Track, 650735 to 650734.

B. Ground Forces.

FINSCHHAFEN AREA: The SATELBERG TRACK as far West as JIVEVAINENG is reported clear of enemy.

In the MATMA area our patrol to the West located strong enemy positions at 615683. To the Northwest, extensive Allied patrolling reports no enemy seen to 657725, 621710 and 619687.

RAMU VALLEY AREA: One of our patrols inflicted casualties on an enemy patrol in MINEMB area, otherwise, no change.

II. ENEMY OPERATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

A. Ground Forces.

None reported.

B. Air Forces

DAILY ESTIMATE OF ENEMY LAND BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE NORTHWESTERN AREA
3 November, 1943.

Estimate By A-2, V Bomber Command:

NEW GUINEA:	F	F/B	L/B	D/B	F/D	F/F	T/O	TOTAL	STATUS CHANGE
BUT		3	5					8	±8
DAGUA	17	1	2					20	±20
WEWAK	10	1	6			3		20	±7
BORAM	9	2	2					13	0
HOLLANDIA	8	23	10					41	0
WAMDE		13						13	0
Total	44	43	25			3		115	±35

N. IRELAND & N. BRITAIN:	F	F/B	L/B	D/B	S/B	F/P	T/C	TOTAL	STATUS CHANGE
KAVIENG	17		6			4		27	0
VUNAKANAU	37	28	4					69	+2
LAKUNAI	71	4	8					83	-47
RAPOPO	3	10	2					15	+2
HARBOR						12		12	-10
TOBERA	39	---	3			---		42	+16
Total	167	42	23			16		248	-41

SOLOMONS:									
BUKA	1	4		1				6	0
BONIS	1							1	0
KAHILI	5							5	+2
BALLALE	3							3	0
FAISI						9		9	0
UNK.	---	---		---		---		0	0
Total	10	4		1		9		24	+2

COMMENTS:

1. BUKA and BONIS count is from photos taken 1/11/43. KAHILI, KARA and BALLALE were photoed 31/10/43. Recent photos have repeatedly failed to disclose many F/P's in the SOLOMONS. 9 F/P's are allowed to remain for an estimate.

2. BUT, BUKA, KEMAK and BORAM were photoed today (3/11/43). ROLLANDIA and MAREE are estimates based on old photo averages.

3. RABAUL dromos were photoed today (3/11/43). It is evident that the enemy is reinforcing the RABAUL area to replace losses incurred both in RABAUL and the SOLOMONS.

III. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS.

None reported.

IV. FINAL MISSION REPORTS.

The following are consolidated Group Mission Reports from FAFF:

(No Squadron Final Mission Reports have been received)

305 GENERAL - STRIKE - 23 B-25D-1's, 3rd Group.

TIME OF ATTACK: 1337/2/L to 1410/2/L.

TARGET: Shipping in RABAUL HARBOR.

RESULTS: Probable hit scored on an 8000 ton M/V. 2 direct hits scored on a CA. 1 torpedo exploded on CA. Near miss on CA. CA was last seen on its side with a gaping hole at the water line. 1 direct hit scored and 1 near miss on a Twin-Stack ship. Probable hit on one DD. A 50 feet miss on a Fox-Taro-Able. Overshot miss on a Fox-Taro-Charlie, rocking it heavily. Direct hit on a Tanker. Very near miss, (20 feet), on Fox-Taro-Baker. 8 other bombs scored near misses on Fox-Taro-Uncles. Results were unobserved due to heavy interception. 4 luggers were destroyed, 2/4 others damaged. Two 2 [illegible] in Northwest dispersal area of VUNAKANAU were destroyed. 4 bombs were believed direct hits or near misses on Fox-Taro-Able and Fox-Taro-Baker. 6 direct hits scored on 6 M/V's. 2 direct hits scored on 2 DD's. 1 hit scored on a CL or a large DD.

2 B-25's were shot down in SIMPSON HARBOR, 2 are still missing, 1 B-25 crashed off [illegible]--crew safe. 1 other B-25 was heavily damaged. Radio Operator in 1 B-25 was killed and a gunner injured.

A/A: Intense, light, medium and heavy, accurate A/A was received from shore positions and shipping.

INTERCEPTION: At least 20 enemy fighters intercepted over the target and prior to reaching target. 6 enemy fighters were definitely shot down and 3/4 were probably shot down.

SIGHTINGS: 1 cruiser in South central Harbor was seen to explode.

WEATHER: Not reported.

305 GENERAL - STRIKE - 16 B-25 D-1's, 38th Group.

TIME OF ATTACK: 1345/2/L to 1355/2/L.

TARGET: Shipping in RABAUL HARBOR.

RESULTS: 2 bombs were dropped on a 10000 ton M/V; 1 bomb each on 2 DD's; 1 bomb on a 7000 ton M/V; 1 bomb on 3000/4000 ton Tanker; 1 on a 2000/3000 ton M/V. All the above results were unobserved. 1 direct hit was scored on a DD and 1 near miss on a 7000/10000 ton M/V. 1 direct hit was scored on a Sugar-Able—believed sunk. 1 direct hit on a Fox-Able—believed sunk. 1 near miss on a Fox-Tare-Charlie. 1 hit scored on a Sugar-Uncle. 1 near miss scored on a Fox-Tare-Baker. 1 CA and 1 DD were strafed. All shipping bombed was also strafed. 1 fire was started on a Fox-Tare-Baker by strafing. A power launch at TAMUI POINT was strafed and set afire. 1 RUTE and 1 four EFB (MAVIS) were strafed and set afire. 4 B-25 D-1's of the 405th Squadron salvoed 8 X 1000 lb. bombs on land in vicinity of KALUANA POINT.

2 B-25D-1's crashed in the Harbor. 1 other B-25D-1 is missing—believed Northwest of KIMP INA. 1 B-25D-1 crash landed at base. 11 B-25D-1's were damaged by A/A fire—some badly. 2 crew members were slightly wounded.

A/A: Intense, light, medium and heavy, accurate from 5 area positions and shipping.

INTERCEPTION: 40 to 50 ZEKES were sighted in the area—15 intercepted. 3 ZEKES were definitely [illegible] and 1 probable shot down.

DEATH: Not reported.

305 GENERAL - STRIKE - 34 B-25D-1's, 345th Group.

TIME OF ATTACK: 1340/2/L to 1345/2/L.

TARGET: (1) RABAUL Township and A/A positions.
(2) A/A positions on Northwest shore of SIMPSON HARBOR.
(3) A/A positions at SULPHUR CREEK.
(4) RABAUL Township.

RESULTS: All bombs fell in designated target areas. Targets were thoroughly strafed. A/A positions on ridge North of RABAUL and on South tip of MATUPI ISLAND were strafed and silenced. 4 RUFES were destroyed by strafing and at least 4 others damaged. One 2 E/ and 7 F were destroyed on LAKUNAI drome. Target was well covered with strike from phosphorous bombs.

1 B-25 D-1 crashed just West of MALAGUNA. 1 B-25 D-1 was last seen landing on one engine on beach between PAPOPO and CAPE GAZELLE. 1 B-25 D-1 is still missing. 2 other B-25 D-1's were damaged.

A/A: Intense, light, medium and heavy, accurate from three positions and shipping.

INTERCEPTION: 50 to 60 enemy fighters were sighted in the area. 25 to 30 ZEKES, NATES and TOJOS intercepted. 1 NATE, 5 ZEKES and 1 HAP were definitely shot down, 3 other enemy fighters were probably shot down.

WEATHER: Not reported.

305 A. ARMED RECCO – 1 B-24, 320th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0756/2/L to 1906/2/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: 0245N-14940E, 0200N-15140E, and return.

TARGET: CAROLE ISLAND.

RESULTS: 4 X 500 lb. inst. dem. bombs were dropped at 1650/L from 7000 feet at tent area near Northeast coast of CAROLE ISLAND. Bombs overshot target and landed in beach with unobserved results. Photos were taken of the bombing. Mission was 100% completed as ordered.

A/A: Moderate, medium, accurate at 7000 feet from 2 positions in East-central section of CAROLE ISLAND. (Small hole in vertical stabilizer from A/A fire).

SIGHTINGS: At 1351/L from 4000 feet, one partially surfaced SS was observed at 0051N-15105E on course 240 degrees. SS crash dived as our airplane began to circle area. At 1630/L from 7000 feet, numerous white tents were observed near the Northeast coast of CAROLE ISLAND. Nil activity was observed in JOHN ALBERT HARBOR.

NIL SIGHTINGS: 0245N-14940E, at 1249/L from 5000 feet. 0200N-15140E at 1330/L from 3500 feet.

GENERAL: Airplane landed at [illegible] on return and remained there overnight.

WEATHER: Visibility poor during most of recco. 3/10 scattered cumulus with solid overcast at 12000 feet, scattered rain storms. Frontal activity oriented Northeast-Southwest from CAROLE ISLAND to Equator. Ranges crossed at 11000 feet with 4/10 scattered cumulus and tops at 9000 feet.

306 B. WEATHER RECCO – 1 B-24, 321st Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 2236/2/L to 0307/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: DORODUA to RABAUL and return.

RESULTS: Mission was completed 100% as ordered. Airplane was in the RABAUL area from 0205/L to 0400/L. Weather was reported half-hourly. There were nil sightings throughout.

WEATHER: Scattered thunderstorms throughout SOLOMON SEA. Heavy cumulus built up increasing to 2/10 to 3/10 middle clouds and 2/10 low clouds on departure. Weather was good on return and over the Ranges.

306 C. WEATHER RECCO & SUPPLY DROP: 1 B-24, 403rd Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0045/3/L to 1000/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to RABAUL and return.

RESULTS: Mission was completed 100% as ordered. Weather was reported half-hourly. Supplies were dropped in designated areas at 0600/L, 0650/L and 0700/L. All supplies were recoverable.

A/A: Inaccurate M/C fire was received from position ; to ½ mile West of DRINA Airdrome (Approximately 0540S-15134E) at 0715/L at 5000 feet.

SIGHTINGS: At 0300/L from 12000 feet over WIDE BAY, one unidentified airplane passed below on course of 200 degrees. At 0315/L from 12000 feet over WIDE BAY, one unidentified airplane followed our airplane for 2 to 5 minutes. At 0421/L from 12000 feet over RABAUL, gun flashes were observed from unidentified source.

WEATHER: Front extending from GOODENOUGH ISLAND to DOBODURA, clear over KIRIWINA. Northern extent of front, 0630S. RABAUL, clear. Ranges on return, crossed from TUFI POINT to HOOD POINT at 14500 feet. 6/10 cumulus, tops 10000/11000 feet, bases on mountains.

306 C. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-24, 403rd Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0450/3/L to 0938/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: DOBODURA to RABAUL and return.

RESULTS: Mission was completed 100% as ordered. There were nil sightings throughout. Weather was reported half-hourly.

GENERAL: This airplane was standby airplane and was ordered off from DOBODURA at 0450/L.

WEATHER: Front from DOBODURA to GOODENOUGH ISLAND, clear over KIRIWINA. Northern limit of front, 0630S.

306 D. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25 D-1, 498th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0445/3/L to 0845/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to ALEXISHAFEN.

RESULTS: Mission completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: YULE, 0530/L, below airplane, strato-cumulus 4/10, tops 4500 feet, visibility over 30 miles. PASS, 0550/L, low clouds, 9/10, upper clouds, 10/10, visibility, 1 to 5 miles, fog. ALEXISHAFEN, 0625/L, tops of low clouds 4000 feet, 5/10, height of upper clouds unlimited, 6/10, visibility 20 miles. BULLDOG, 0715/L, tops of low clouds 4000 feet, 6/10, height of upper clouds 10000 feet, 3/10, visibility unlimited. PASS, 0800/L, below airplane strato-cumulus 2/10, tops 7000 feet, visibility under 30 miles.

306 E. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-25 D-1, 498th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0330/3/L to 0800/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to ALEXISHAFEN and return.

RESULTS: Mission completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: YULE, 0355/L, clouds below airplane, strato-cumulus, 3/10, tops 2000 feet, visibility under 30 miles. PASS, 0425/L, alto-stratus, 2/10, base 14000 feet, visibility under 30 miles. DUMPU, 0455/L, alto-stratus, 3/10, base 14000 feet, clouds below airplane, strato-cumulus, 2/10, tops 6000 feet, visibility under 30 miles. ALEXISHAFEN, 0555/L, alto-stratus, 6/10, base 12000 feet, below airplane, cumulus, 5/10, tops 6000 feet, visibility under 30 miles.

306 I. SUPPLY MISSION - 1 B-24, 400th Squadron.

TIME OF MISSION: 0652/3/L to 1321/3/L.

AREA OF MISSION: Drop supplies in SEPIK RIVER area.

RESULTS: Mission incomplete. Airplane was unable to reach dropping area due to weather. There were nil sightings. Route followed was: Base, YULE ISLAND, HEMA HEMA, BURUI, WEWAK, BURUI, KEREMA, YULE ISLAND and base.

WEATHER: Frontal activity, Northeast-Southwest, 20 miles North of KEREMA. Rain, high build up along Ranges from BURUI across WEWAK and to sea.

306 N. PHOTO RECCO – 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: 0924/3/L to 0934/3/L and 0958/3/L.

AREA OF PHOTO: RABAUL and HOSKINS POINT.

RESULTS: Operational and tri-met photos were taken of KERAVAT, VUNAKANAU across Townsh[illegible], RAPOPO, TOMERA, possible CV and HOSKINS POINT.

SIGHTINGS: At 0926/L from 34000 feet, dark smoke fires were observed in docks in SIMPSON HARBOR. One possible CV was seen heading East at undetermined speed at 04.03S-152.55E at 0934/L.

WEATHER: Front from CAPE GLOUCESTER, SE to NE into SOLOMON SEA, tops 30000 feet, bases 2000/3000 feet.

306 M. PHOTO RECCO – 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: (1) 1140/3/L to 1150/3/L. (2) 1230/3/L.

AREA OF PHOTO: (1) WEWAK. (2) Vicinity of SEPIK RIVER.

RESULTS: Operational and tri-met photos were taken from 25000 feet of BORAM, WEWAK, LAGUA and SUT. Operational photos were taken in vicinity of RAMU VALLEY.

SIGHTINGS: At 1142/L, approximately three 4000 ton M/V's were seen stationary in WEWAK HARBOR (Sighting was obscured by clouds). Pilot got only one quick glance. from 25000 feet.

WEATHER: WEWAK, 9/10 cumulus at 20000 feet.

306 Y. PHOTO RECCO – 2 F-4's, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: (1) 1045/3/L to 1120/3/L. (2) 1025/3/L to 1140/3/L.

AREA OF PHOTO: (1) MADANG area. (2) NEW BRITAIN.

RESULTS: 1 F-4 took operational photos of the SONG RIVER to FIOR; GARAGASSI POINT to KALIKO; KALIKO to vicinity of BOGADJIM and mapping photos of the DUMPU AREA. Other F-4 took operational photos South of BONGA to MAREO and from CAPE KING WILLIAM to NUZEN. NEW BRITAIN was not reached due to weather. There were nil sightings.

WEATHER: Frontal activity in SOLOMON SEA running Northwest-Southeast, 0 to 30000 feet. NEW BRITAIN, scattered low cumulus, 9/10 covered.

306 M. COURIER MISSION - 1 B-25 G, 823rd Squadron.

TIME OF MISSION: 0630/3/L to 1440/3/L.

AREA OF MISSION: Courier Mission to LAE, MADLAB, GUSAP and return.

RESULTS: Mission was completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: Broken cumulus over the Ramu, bases at 6000 feet, tops to 16000 feet. MARKHAM VALLEY, overcast in morning, clearing in the afternoon.

305 DD. STRIKE - 12 A-31's, No. 24 Squadron, R.A.A.F.

TIME OF ATTACK: 1615/2/L.

TARGET: Large hideout at MADANG.

RESULTS: A total of 24 X 500 lb. 11 second delay demo. bombs were dropped on the target. 2 bombs burst in the water close to the bank of the river. Bombs covered the target area. The target was well strafed. There were nil sightings in the area.

SIGHTINGS: 3 large M/V's were seen off CAPE BUSHING. 8 small fires were seen at NUZEN, North of BLUCHER POINT. 1 black SSF, unidentified, was observed flying low heading North at NUZEN. No interception attempted.

WEATHER: Enroute, front moving across HUON GULF, base 500 feet, tops 15000 feet. Target area, scattered cumulus. On return, scattered cumulus, fronts moving across HUON GULF.

305 CC. STRIKE - 9 A-20's, 89th Squadron.

TIME OF ATTACK: 1500/2/L to 1525/2/L.

TARGET: (1) Staging area, 645755 (Map Ref., FORTIFICATION POINT, 1/25000 feet). W. of Bonga R.

(2) Track, 650735 to 650734.

RESULTS: A total of 29 X 300 lb. 8/10 second delay demo. bombs were dropped and 1500 X .50 cal. expended on the targets.

(1) 19 bombs fell on the target. 4 bombs fell in the trees, West to East, 100 yards North of the target. 1 bomb exploded in a Kunai Patch 200 yards North of the target. 2/3 bombs fell in a Kunai Patch to East of target as much as 50 yards. 2 bombs fell in trees 200 yards to the East of the target. 8 strafing passes were made through the target.

(2) 22 strafing passes were made along woods on the edge of the track with unobserved results. Photos were taken of the targets.

SIGHTINGS: At 1510/L, a flag, about 2 by 3 feet, with parallel stripes--top red, center white and bottom either blue or black, was seen at 546765 (MABAWENG RIVER, 1 inch to 1 mile). Native type shacks were seen on the edge of Target #1 and to the Northeast of target #1. Possible lean-tos were seen in the target. All trails appeared well worn. Signs of activity were observed in woods along track A865 to B973 and D060 to F457 (Ref. ASP # 202, NGF, SONGA).

WEATHER: Southern HOON GULF, clear from 1410/L to 1620/L. From 1440/L to 1550/L, cumulus at 2000/3000 feet, 3/10 covered within radius of 50 miles from TAMT ISLANDS. From 1500/L to 1530/L over target, clear but cumulus base 2000 feet, 3/10 covered with showers moving in on target from West.

306 H.(1) STRIKE - 9 B-25 G's, 822nd Squadron.

TIME OF ATTACK: 0950/3/L to 1005/3/L.

TARGET: Barge sweep from ALEXISHAFEN to BOGADJIM.

RESULTS: 29 X 500 lb. 4/5 second delay demo. bombs were dropped as follows: 1 direct hit scored on bridge over MARKHAM RIVER, 1 mile North of BOSTRAM BAY, destroying half of bridge, 7 bombs were dropped on Village at South end of SEK ISLAND with unobserved results. 1 bomb was dropped at 3 barges near Village at East end of MILITAT PLANTATION with unobserved results. 2 bombs were dropped at the GOMI RIVER BRIDGE, scoring near misses. 18 bombs were dropped at buildings and huts between ALEXISHAFEN and BOGADJIM with generally unobserved results. 120 X 75 mm rounds were fired with the following results observed: 1 hit on bridge over DAREN CREEK (Ref. MADANG East Provisional, 1 inch to 1 mile) 723467. 1 hit was scored on an unidentified craft, possibly a barge, near MARKHAM RIVER Bridge, with unobserved results. 2 near misses were scored on an unidentified submerged craft, possibly a SS, 1 mile East of ONROPEG--734443, with unobserved results. 1 hit was scored on village at South end of SEK ISLAND damaging one hut. 1 hit scored on building in ST. MICHAEL MISSION at ALEXISHAFEN with unobserved results. 1 hit scored on Village at South end of PAROMAI ISLAND--770285, with unobserved results. 12 rounds were fired at ONROPEG VILLAGE with unobserved results. The remaining rounds were fired at possibly supply dumps, barge hideouts and villages. Results were generally unobserved due to low altitude of attack. Possible enemy installatio

in target area were strafed with 2770 X .50 cal. and 5460 X .50 cal. Bombing was excellent. Photos were taken of the bombing, crashed B-25 (See SIGHTINGS) and survivors.

A/A: Moderate, medium and heavy, accurate to inaccurate from known positions at ALEXISHAFEN and from unobserved positions at MADANG. Moderate, light, inaccurate from unobserved positions at ALEXISHAFEN. Some M/G fire from ALEXISHAFEN and MADANG. Slight, heavy, inaccurate from position in ERIMA PLANTATION.

SIGHTINGS: 1 B-25 was seen in the water 100 yards offshore from BILI BILI VILLAGE. 5 men were seen in a yellow raft nearby. 1 building in OBOKONG VILLAGE was seen to blow up. 1 barge off ERIMA PLANTATION was seen destroyed by bomb hit.

GENERAL: Fighter cover was excellent.

WEATHER: Enroute, 3/10 cumulus with 8000/10000 feet. Over target, 4/10 cumulus at 1000/2000 feet.

306 B (2) STRIKE - 9 B-25 C's, 68th Squadron.

TIME OF ATTACK: 0946/3/1 to 1007/3/1.

TARGET: Large troop area from ALEXISHAFEN to MADANG.

RESULTS: Runs were made generally from North to South along coastline starting at OBOKONG above ALEXISHAFEN. 20 X 500 lb. 1/5 sec nd delay demo. bombs were dropped as follows: 1 on OBOKONG VILLAGE. 1 near mission at ALEXISHAFEN. 5 bombs dropped at 6 barges in Cove at ALEXISHAFEN. 2 barges were definately destroyed. 4 bombs were dropped at [illegible] VILLAGE, 2 on Village at East side of SCHEDING PENINSULA. 1 house was definately destroyed. Balance of the bombs were dropped at random intervals along coast between ALEXISHAFEN and MADANG. Results were unobserved due to heavy foliage along coastline. 62 X 75 mm rounds were fired at the targets. Shell fire destroyed jetty at [illegible] and 2 barges in [illegible] HARBOR. Results of other shell fire was unobserved. No barge activity was seen S Wtn. of MADANG.

1 B-25 of this Squadron crashed in water just North of BILI BILI ISLAND. All 5 crew members were seen in life raft headed towards BILI BILI ISLAND. Cause of crash is unknown. Photos were taken of the bombing. 6100 X .50 cal. and 1300 X .30 cal. were expended in strafing.

A/A: Moderate to intense, inaccurate to accurate, bursting generally above with accurate deflection from Northeast end of No. 2 Strip at ALEXISHAFEN and MADANG Township. M/G fire was received from the ALEXISHAFEN dromes and MADANG Township. Few bursts of accurate, heavy A/A fire was received from ERIA PLANTATION by one airplane.

SIGHTINGS: 6 to 12 barges were sighted among Islands between ALEXISHAFEN and MADANG. Barges could not be seen during runs due to heavy foliage. 3 to 5 apparently new red roofed buildings were seen at DEIASA. These appeared well used.

WEATHER: Over target, broken cumulus to 3000/5000 feet, visibility good. Over Ranges, 5/10 cumulus to 8000 feet.

306 K. ARMED RECCO - 1 B-24, 320th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0330/3/L to 1745/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Search for enemy convoy between NEW HANOVER and the Equator.

RESULTS: Mission completed as ordered 100%. There were nil shipping sightings.

NIL SIGHTINGS: 0210S-14945E at 1106/L from 8000 feet. 0040 - 15135E at 1215/L from 6000 feet. 0130S-14915E at 1330/L from 8000 feet. 0330S-14830E at 1408/L from 8000 feet.

GENERAL: Airplane landed at DOBODURA at 0530/L because of mechanical trouble. Took off at 0640/L from DOBODURA and completed recco.

WEATHER: CAVU over area of search. BISMARCK SEA, 2/10 scattered cumulus. Ranges crossed at 17[illegible] feet, tops 40000 feet.

306 P. ARMED RECCO - 1 B-24, 400th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: [illegible]/3/L to 1650/3/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Search for enemy convoy between NEW HANOVER and the Equator.

RESULTS: Convoy was located and shadowed for time limited fuel consumption and presence of enemy fighters. Photos were taken of convoy at 1310/L in position 0140S-15250E.

SIGHTINGS: At 1259/L from 9000 feet, 2 DD's, 1 escort vessel, and 3 Fox-Tare-Uncles were sighted at 0140S-15250E

on course 250 degrees at speed of 15 knots. Identification of shipping was not positive due to approach of enemy float planes. At 1307/L from 9000 feet over the convoy, 3 unidentified float planes were sighted approaching convoy. Our airplane left convoy and headed away from land.

GENERAL: Airplane landed at [illegible] at 0640/L and took off again from DOBODURA at 0640/L and completed mission.

WEATHER: Frontal activity off Northern tip of NEW HANOVER ISLAND. Broken cumulus North of WEST NEW. Spiralling cumulus off North coast of NEW GUINEA at 1530/L.

FIGHTER COMMAND REPORTS.

6 Squadrons of P-38's escorted B-25's to RABAUL on 2/1/43. An estimated 70 to 100 enemy fighters were encountered in the RABAUL area. In the combat which took place, our fighters make the following claims:

9th Squadron — 8 definites (5 ZEKES, 2 OSCARS, 1 TONY)
3 probables (2 ZEKES, 1 OSCAR)

39th Squadron — 1 Definite (ZEKE)

80th Squadron — 14 definites (5 ZEKES, 9 HAPS)
4 probables (1 VAL, 3 [illegible])

431st Squadron — 10 definites (ZEKES)
4 probables (ZEKES)

432nd Squadron — 6 definites (3 ZEKES, 2 OSCARS, 1 TONY)
2 probables (1 ZEKE, 1 OSCAR)

433rd Squadron — 2 definites (ZEKES)

12 P-38's are lost.

SETH J. MILLY,
Major, Air Corps,
A-2, Asst Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

L E. NAUMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
Duty Officer.

[illegible]:

Our medium units attacked airdrome dispersal areas causing numerous fires and explosions.

[illegible]:

Our heavy bombers with strong fighter escort attacked Kendari airdrome [illegible] with 115 tons of explosives destroying 20 parked aircraft with 5 more probably destroyed, starting a large conflagration and starting many fires in the area. 25 out of 30 intercepting fighters were shot down and 13 others were probably destroyed. No B-24's missing. Our medium bombers raided [illegible] starting [illegible] fires.

[illegible]:

Our medium units bombed enemy installations at Tanah Merah and Gromark and strafed and bombed barges in the harbor in Babo Bay. One plane was lost.

[illegible]:

One of our heavy reconnaissance units at night made an enemy seaplane and [illegible] Planet fighter and attacked at low altitude with 1000 pound bombs. A direct hit and a near miss, probably sank the destroyer and damaged the [illegible].

[illegible]:

Our medium units executed a low altitude attack on Jamna Island [illegible] Gogol River bridge and a trading vessel and [illegible] village causing numerous fires.

[illegible]:

Our light naval craft on night patrol sank a large enemy barge and [illegible] vessels off Bruchar Point.

[illegible]: SOUTH PACIFIC FORCES: COMMUNIQUE:

Our forces advancing Southeast along the [illegible] encountered enemy [illegible] between Virgin and Vaze.

[illegible]:

Our escort [illegible] and dive bombers followed by heavy units attacked Japanese shipping [illegible] Imperial Troops, [illegible] Harbor with anti-aircraft batteries. There were no interceptors. Our fighters carried out a low level strafing raid on Tanahmerah Harbor in Babo [illegible] sinking 4 small trading craft and damaging 4 large and damaged many other craft.

[illegible]:

Our heavy and medium bombers with fighter escort bombed and strafed the enemy [illegible] and gun positions at Sterting Lines. Seven aircraft were damaged by anti-aircraft fire but all returned.

[illegible]:

12 American fliers who were forced to land in Spain some time ago while on a raid on North Africa in B-3 aircraft, have been transferred to Japrma De Aragon, a health/for interrment.
resort

CHUNGKING:

Chinese artillery nestled in the Kaolikung mountains on the Salween River in Yunnan has opened up on Japanese invaders seeking to control a key area West of the Salween River in the Burma-Yunnan border area and has inflicted heavy casualties; the Chinese High Command announced in a Communique Sunday. American Liberators again went to the support of the embattled Chinese by blasting away at targets in Indo-China where the Japanese are supplying their armies in Burma.

WASHINGTON:

Lord Halifax, the British Ambassador, suggesting the possibility of a German collapse, said Sunday that the war in Europe has reached the point "Where anything may happen". Just back from London conferences with the British Government, the diplomat advanced this possibility with a word of caution that the Germans are tough and have been well organized. Lord Halifax, during a luncheon conference, was cheerfully optimistic about the prospects for a breakdown of enemy resistance in Europe.

MADRID:

The National Weekly, Ll Español, said Sunday it had uncovered a "Spanish Masonic plot" led by Diego Martinez Barrio, former Premier and President of the Cortes of the Spanish Republic, designated to overthrow Generalissimo Francisco Franco. The plot planned the return of Prince Juan the 3rd and a constitutional monarchy as a step to come to a republic. The weekly also published a photograph of a document purported to be from Martinez Barrio as Masonic Grand Master of Spain.

LONDON:

The success of the three power conference now being concluded in Moscow [illegible] on London Sunday while in Germany came a stream of articles predicting, an Allied agreement "to permanently [illegible]" Europe and an air-borne and multiple invasion of the continent. In the absence of concrete information political and military commentators ranged far and wide on speculation over what the agreement would [illegible]. German attention was divided between accounts of Allied shipping and troop activity in southern England. One Berlin broadcast said 350 Allied ships were observed steaming, passing Gibraltar, the majority of them coming from the Atlantic.

WASHINGTON:

Postponement in Senate action on the Connally resolution until results of the Moscow Tri-Partite Conference are known was proposed Sunday by Senator Millikin. Millikin told the Associated Press that he thought the Senate which begins its 2nd week of debate tomorrow, might know much more about Allied post war intentions when it hears from the Secretary of State, British Foreign Minister Eden, and Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov.

NEW DELHI:

The American 10th Air Force at New Delhi announced that medium and fighter bombers in India had made many sorties over central and Northern Burma during the past week, delivering heavy blows at Jap communications, airdromes and supply points.

SOUTH PACIFIC HQ:

Indication an important action on South central Choiseul where seaborne and American paratroops landed Thursday in the Northern Solomons, were reported Sunday by a spokesman for Admiral William Halsey. The invaders totaling nearly eight Japanese forces on Choiseul with one enemy group withdrawing toward the Warrior River on the Northwest end and the Southern group pushed back toward Sangigo. It is around the latter point that action appears to depend. The Japs are believed to be attempting to reinforce their Choiseul units for a delaying action and possibly may attempt to reinforce their Southern elements.

ITALY:

The Allied 5th and 8th Armies edged forward along the whole 90 mile length of the Italian front gaining from yards to a few miles and appeared to within 11 miles of Venafro and Isernia, central buttresses of the Nazi mountain line, it was announced Sunday. Air and sea arms sprang to new activity with Allied heavy bombers crashing at industries of the Italian Riviera and at Genoa and U. S. warships steaming into the Gulf of Gaeta in daylight to shell German communications again. Nazi motor torpedo boats, attempting to attack in the Bay of Naples and at Bastia, Corsica were driven off. Some more 20 towns were enveloped by Allied infantrymen forging ahead in heavy rain and over the most difficult terrain. 5th Army troops occupied Ailano, Northwest of Ravisconina and only 11 miles Southwest of Venafro, the menacing threats were developed against that important highway junction and equally strategic, Isernia.

LONDON:

United by a common enemy, Albanian guerrillas fighting alongside the Yugoslav Partisans of General Mrez, have thrown the German intruders from the Yugoslav town of Debar, on the Drinlifer, near the Albanian border, a National Army of Liberation Communique declared Sunday. Albania's resurgent mountain fighters are reported previously to have been offering fierce resistance to Nazi forces within their own border but Tito's announcement Sunday was the first indication of coordination in the guerrilla offensives. The victory was tempered, however, by Tito's acknowledgement that the town of Kicevo, 23 miles East of Debar, had been wrested from guerrilla control. Tito's Communique charged that Chetnick Forces of Yugoslav War Minister Draja Mihailovic, had assisted the German column in defeating his Partisans, a charge he has made numerous times before.

ALGIERS:

A second French warships, seized by the Italians while they were fighting on Hitler's side, was returned to the French Flag Sunday in ceremonies at Bizerte Harbor in the presence of French, American and British Officers. The destroyer "Tigor" which Italy appropriated in 1940 after the French armistice despite the agreement terms, hauled down its Italian colors and hoisted the French Tricolor.

NAPLES:

Premier Badaglio said Saturday he intends to ask Count Sforza to take some portfolio in the proposed coalition government representing all sections of political opinion including Communism. The Italian Foreign Minister and anti-Fascist leader who arrived in Italy recently from the United States, has the backing of the Action Party which advocates wide economic and social reforms. He has not yet been asked to take the portfolio.

LONDON:

Making his first radio address since German troops seized Rome and surrounded Vatican City, Pope Pius XII broadcast a message Sunday to the 3rd National Eucharistic Congress at Trujillo Peru. He did not touch upon political subjects. Pope Pius exhorted his listeners to "Unite in God and thus achieve unity in world peace" which he called a "Precious gift which has to be prayed for without respite". The Pope spoke in Spanish.

ALGIERS:

General Giraud has returned here after a 3 day visit to the Italian front where he conferred with Lt. General Clark, Commander of the 5th Army and visisted a sector held by a British unit engaged in hard fighting, a French Communique announced Sunday.

The German News Agency, DNB, declared Sunday that Nazi forces had evacuated Frosolone, 12 miles East of the Isernia stronghold of their mountainous line in Italy.

RESULTS: Targets were not reached due to weather. Nil photos were taken. Airplanes took off at 0633/L, turned back at BUMPU at 0945/L, and landed at 1055/L. There were nil sightings. Recce was 25% completed.

WEATHER: Cumulus to 33000 feet along HUON PENINSULA. layers of stratus in MARKHAM VALLEY up to 21000 feet.

304 X. PHOTO RECCO - 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: Nil.

AREA OF PHOTO: RABAUL.

RESULTS: Target was not reached due to weather. Nil photos were taken. Airplane took off at 0755/L, landed at LAE at 0915/L, took off at LAE at 0945/L, landed at base at 1045/L. Recce was 25% completed. There were nil sightings.

WEATHER: SOLOMON SEA, heavy convergences along North coast of NEW GUINEA and heavy frontal activity along South coast of NEW BRITAIN.

304 Y. PHOTO RECCO - 1 F-5, 8th Photo Squadron

TIME OF PHOTO: Nil.

AREA OF PHOTO: RABAUL.

RESULTS: Target was not reached due to cancellation of strike. Pilot landed at DOBODURA for fighter cover, learned mission was cancelled and returned to base. F-5 took off at 0827/L, landed at DOBODURA at 0900/L, and returned to base at 0957/L.

304 AA. SEARCH RECCO - 1 B-25 D, 408th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0415/1/L to 0815/1/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to WIDE BAY and return.

RESULTS: Mission was completed 100% as ordered.

WEATHER: Enroute to WIDE BAY, stratus from 200 to 6000 feet, some rain. WIDE BAY, open to South, moderate rain, low ceiling (200 feet) to within 30 miles of KIRIWINA. KIRIWINA, clear. Enroute to DOBODURA, patches of rain, visability 25 miles.

V. FIGHTER COMMAND REPORTS.

Fighters carried out usual patrol and escort missions with nil interception or combat.

OFFICIAL:

PAUL E. NAUMAN,
Captain, Air Corps,
A-2 Duty Officer.

SETH S. TERRY,
Major, Air Corps,
A-2, Ass't Chief of Staff.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to RABAUL and return.

RESULTS: Recce was completed 100% as ordered. Route followed was: Base, HOOD POINT, CAPE KORNEY, CAPE NELSON, KIRITINA, RABAUL and return. There were nil sightings throughout entire search. RABAUL was blacked out.

A/A: Slight, medium, inaccurate at 10000 feet from 2 unidentified ships off CAPE TAMUI.

WEATHER: Enroute and return, strong frontal activity between 0600S and 0900S with t.understorms and severe turbulence. RABAUL area, trace of low cumulus, visibility unlimited.

304 E. WEATHER RECCO - 1 B-24, 403rd Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: Nil.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to RABAUL and return.

RESULTS: Airplane crashed ½ mile after take-off at 0155/L. All personnel were killed. Airplane was destroyed.

304 F. COURIER MISSION - 1 B-25 G, 822nd Squadron.

TIME OF MISSION: 0634/1/L to 1146/1/L.

AREA OF MISSION: Base to LAE, NADZAB, GUSAP and return.

RESULTS: Mission was 100% completed as ordered.

WEATHER: Enroute, cumulus built up to 7000 feet. MARKHAM, cumulus 1000 feet. RAMU VALLEY, closed in at 0630/L, broken cumulus at 2000 feet at 1000/L. On return, cumulus over Ranges at 9000 feet.

304 I. WEATHER RECCO - 1 F-25 D-1, 498th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0545/1/L to 0900/1/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: Base to NADZAB and return.

SIGHTINGS: At 0815/L, white smoke was seen at approximately 0710.09S, 14600E. Smoke looked like it might have been a phosphereous or signal bomb.

WEATHER: YULE, 0605/L, tops of low clouds 3000 feet, 7/10, upper clouds height 11000 feet, 3/10, visibility 10 miles. BULLDOG, 0620/L, tops of low clouds 6000 feet, 6/10, height of upper clouds 10000 feet, 7/10, visibility unlimited. PASS, 0700/L, tops of low clouds 8000 feet, 6/10, height of upper clouds 11000 feet, 6/10, visibility unlimited. NADZAB, 0710/L, tops of low clouds 2000 feet, 5/10, height of upper clouds 11000 feet, 3/10, visibility unlimited. PASS, 0755/L, tops of low clouds 8000 feet, 7/10, height of upper clouds 11000 feet, 4/10, visibility unlimited.

304 H. PHOTO RECCO - 2 F-4's, 8th Photo Squadron.

TIME OF PHOTO: Nil.

AREA OF PHOTO: MADANG and North coast of NEW BRITAIN.

303 C. AIRCRAFT RECCO – 1 P-24, 64th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0940/31/1 to 1935/31/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: CAPE GLOUCESTER, TALASEA, 0500S-15000E, 0400S-15035E, 0400S-14920E, 0300S-14920E, 0200S-15000E, 0200S-14820E, 0400S-14900, CAPE GLOUCESTER, TALASEA and DOBODURA.

RESULTS: Recce was incomplete as ordered along route designated. There were mil sightings throughout entire search. Airplane landed at DOBODURA on return and remained there overnight.

WEATHER: Ranges crossed at 9000 feet, HOOD POINT to CAPE NELSON, 9/10 cumulus and cirro-cumulus, tops 15000 to 40000 feet. SOLOMON SEA, East-West front, vicinity of CAPE NELSON, base 200 feet, tops 15000 feet. Western portion of SOLOMON SEA, 9/10 cumulus, 4000 feet to 10000 feet. BISMARCK SEA, 8/10 cumulus, base 1500 feet. Ranges crossed 11000 feet over Pass, 5/10 cumulus, tops to 8000 feet.

304 B. AIRCRAFT RECCO – 1 P-24, 419th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 1000/1/L to 1315/1/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: CAPE WARD HUNT, 0220S-14800E, 0220S-15000E, 0315S-15000E, 0315S-14650E, 0410S-14650E, 0410S-15100E, 0500S-15100E, CAPE GLOUCESTER and return to DOBODURA.

RESULTS: 5% of assigned area covered. Route flown was: Base to VULCAN ISLAND, CAPE WARD HUNT, CAPE NELSON, HOOD POINT to base. Airplane turned back because of weather.

WEATHER: Ranges crossed enroute at 14000 feet with 6/10 to 8/10 coverage. Frontal activity running East-West was encountered 20 miles North of DOBODURA. No holes could be found from 500 to 15000 feet. Ranges crossed on return from CAPE NELSON to HOOD POINT at 13000 feet. Ranges built up to 25000 feet.

304 C. AIRCRAFT RECCO – 1 B-24, 321st Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 0653/1/L to 1225/1/L.

AREA OF SEARCH: VITIAZ STRAITS, 0500S-14715E, 0330S-14715E, 0330S-14610E, 0230S-14610E, 0230S-14510E, HERMIT ISLAND, MANUS GROUP, WEWAK, MADANG and return.

RESULTS: Recce was incomplete because of weather.

REMARKS: Solid front over HUON PENINSULA and along coastline of NEW GUINEA to East of CAPE WARD HUNT. Front oriented East-West. Attempts were made to cross at all altitudes without success. Tops above 25000 feet, base on the water.

304 D. AIRCRAFT RECCO – 1 B-24, 320th Squadron.

TIME OF SEARCH: 2205/31/L to 0755/1/L.

B. Air Forces.

DAILY ESTIMATE OF ENEMY LAND BASED AIRCRAFT IN THE NORTHEASTERN AREA
1 November, 1943.

Estimate by A-2, V Bomber Command:

NEW GUINEA:	F	M/B	L/B	D/B	F/B	F/F	T/O	TOTAL	STATUS CHANGE
WEWAK	4	1	5			3		13	0
BORAM	8	3	2					13	0
HOLLANDIA	6	23	10					41	0
WAKDE		13						13	0
Total	20	40	17			3		80	0

N. IRELAND & N. BRITAIN:								
KAVIENG	17		6			4	27	0
VUNAKANAU	5	13					18	0
LAKUNAI	20	3	10				33	0
RAPOPO	2	9	3				14	0
KAVIENG					2	20	22	0
TOBERA	38						38	0
Total	82	25	19		2	24	152	0

SOLOMONS:							
BUKA	4	4	2		4	14	±6
KAHILI	6					6	±6
BALLALE	3					3	0
FAISI					22	22	-3
KARA	1					1	0
Total	14	4	2		26	46	±9

COMMENTS:

1. KAHILI and BALLALE count is from photos taken 30/10/43. KARA and BUKA count is from photos taken 29/10/43. FAISI count is an estimate.

2. KAVIENG was photoed 30/10/43. No photos have been taken recently of other operational NEW GUINEA dromes. It is believed this area has received reinforcements but they may be sent on to replace enemy losses in RABAUL.

3. All RABAUL dromes were photoed immediately following strike on 29/10/43. Above estimate was arrived at after taking into account enemy air borne aircraft and losses in the air and on the ground.

III. PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATIONS.

None reported.

IV. FINAL MISSION REPORTS.

[illegible] from AAF:

304 sq. [illegible] RECCO - 1 B-25 D, 406th Squadron.

AREA OF SEARCH: [illegible] to WIDE BAY.

B. Ground Forces.

MINGANEN AREA:

Activity has increased in the SATELBERG TRACK in area 5966. Enemy counter attacks were repulsed and our troops made some slight advance.

Southwest of BONGA, our patrols to 622701 and 6[illegible]91, made no contact. Our artillery engaged enemy positions in this area.

West of KATIKA our patrol clashed with an enemy patrol at 614684, killing 7 and wounding 2, with ut loss to ourselves. Natives report that containers dropped by enemy airplanes on SATELBERG contained food.

RAMU AREA:

North of KESAWAI, small enemy parties are still ova[illegible] our patrols in the area 5570.

In the MINEEN area, our patrols have been active, penetrating to areas 6861 and 6763 with some contact.

II. ENEMY OPERATIONS AND DISPOSITIONS.

A. Ground Forces.

Following is an extract from AMIO's BULLETIN No. 94.

5. DAMAGE INFLICTED 20/23 July, 1943—MADANG-HOGGUJIM-YONOPI ROAD.

The following comparison between Allied claims and entries made in a captured annotated sketch are of interest:

Locality	Jap Entry Ref ATIS Bulletin 473	Allied Claim — 367-[illegible] extracted from COID.
(a) MADANG area	About 1 metre of GUM RIVER Br demolished and repaired in less than a day.	One bomb 10 feet away.
	4 killed 21 wounded.	Not claimed
(b) GOGOL RIVER to BOGABURU.	Jetty at the GOGOL RIVER Ferry demolished.	3 hits on bridge GOGOL RIVER. Base of br b[illegible] knocked ut. 30 feet of br destroyed. 3 bomb[illegible]
	GORI RIVER Br demolished.	[illegible]bs near br. 3 hits on br. Br appeared to have centre sec missing. 220 ft of GORI RIVER br de-troyed
	1 dead, 17 wounded.	Not claimed.
	3 motor lorries burnt. 1 collapsible boat destroyed.	3 burning trucks. Not claimed.
(c) MAULA-YONOPI	No riding, bys strafed and bombed. 21 dead, 91 wounded 3 bit vehicles damaged. Total of 67 bombers involved in raids during 3 days.	Strafing and bombing generally. Not claimed. 3 trucks set on fire. Total of 146 bombers.

Aust. AIR LIASON GROUP

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A-2 PERIODIC REPORT

Report No. 305.

SECRET
MTH: C.G.
UNITS:
DATE: 1/11/43:
FROM : 1800/31/10/43/L.
TO : 1800/1/11/43/L.
V BOMBER COMMAND
APO 929

I. ALLIED OPERATIONS.

A. Air Forces.

RABAUL: 1 F-5 of the 6th Photo Squadron (304 X) took off at 0755/L to photograph RABAUL. Target was not reached due to weather. Airplane returned to base at 0945/L. There were nil sightings.

1 F-5 of the 6th Photo Squadron (304 Y) took off at 0627/L to photograph RABAUL following strike. Returned to base from DOBODURA when strike was cancelled.

1 B-24 of the 320th Squadron (304 D) completed 100% a weather recce to RABAUL. Airplane took off at 2205/L and landed at 0758/L. Weather was reported as covered. There were nil sightings. RABAUL was blacked out. Slight, medium, inaccurate A/A fire was encountered at 10000 feet from 2 unidentified ships off CAPE TAWUI.

1 B-24 of the 403rd Squadron (304 E) scheduled to carry out a weather recce of RABAUL crashed at base on take off at 0155/L.

RABAUL North coast of NEW BRITAIN: 2 F-4's of the 6th Photo Squadron (304 W) took off at 0633/L to photograph RABAUL and the North coast of NEW BRITAIN. Targets were not reached due to weather. F-4's turned back at 0945/L from DUMPU and landed at base at 1055/L. There were nil sightings.

LAE, MADZAB, GUSAP: 1 B-25 D-1 of the 490th Squadron (304 I) completed 100% a weather recce to MADZAB. Airplane took off at 0545/L and landed at 0900/L. White smoke was seen at 0615/L at approximately 0710.90S-14600E. Looked as if smoke might have been a phosphorous or signal bomb. There were nil other sightings.

1 B-25 G of the 823rd Squadron (304 F) completed 100% a Courier Mission to LAE, MADZAB and GUSAP. Airplane took off at 0634/L and landed at 1146/L. There were nil sightings.

SEA SEARCHES: 1 B-24 of the 43rd Group (304 A) took off at 0720/L to carry out an armed recce to 0245N-14940E, 0200S-15140E. Airplane landed at KIRIWINA on return. No Final Mission Report has been received.

1 B-24 of the 319th Squadron (304 B) completed 5% of an armed recce of the Eastern BISMARCK SEA. Mission was incomplete due to weather. Front was encountered in SOLOMON SEA and airplane turned back.

1 B-24 of the 321st Squadron (304 C) was unable to complete a armed recce of the Eastern BISMARCK SEA. Mission was incomplete due to weather. Solid front was encountered over HUON PENINSULA and along coastline of NEW GUINEA.

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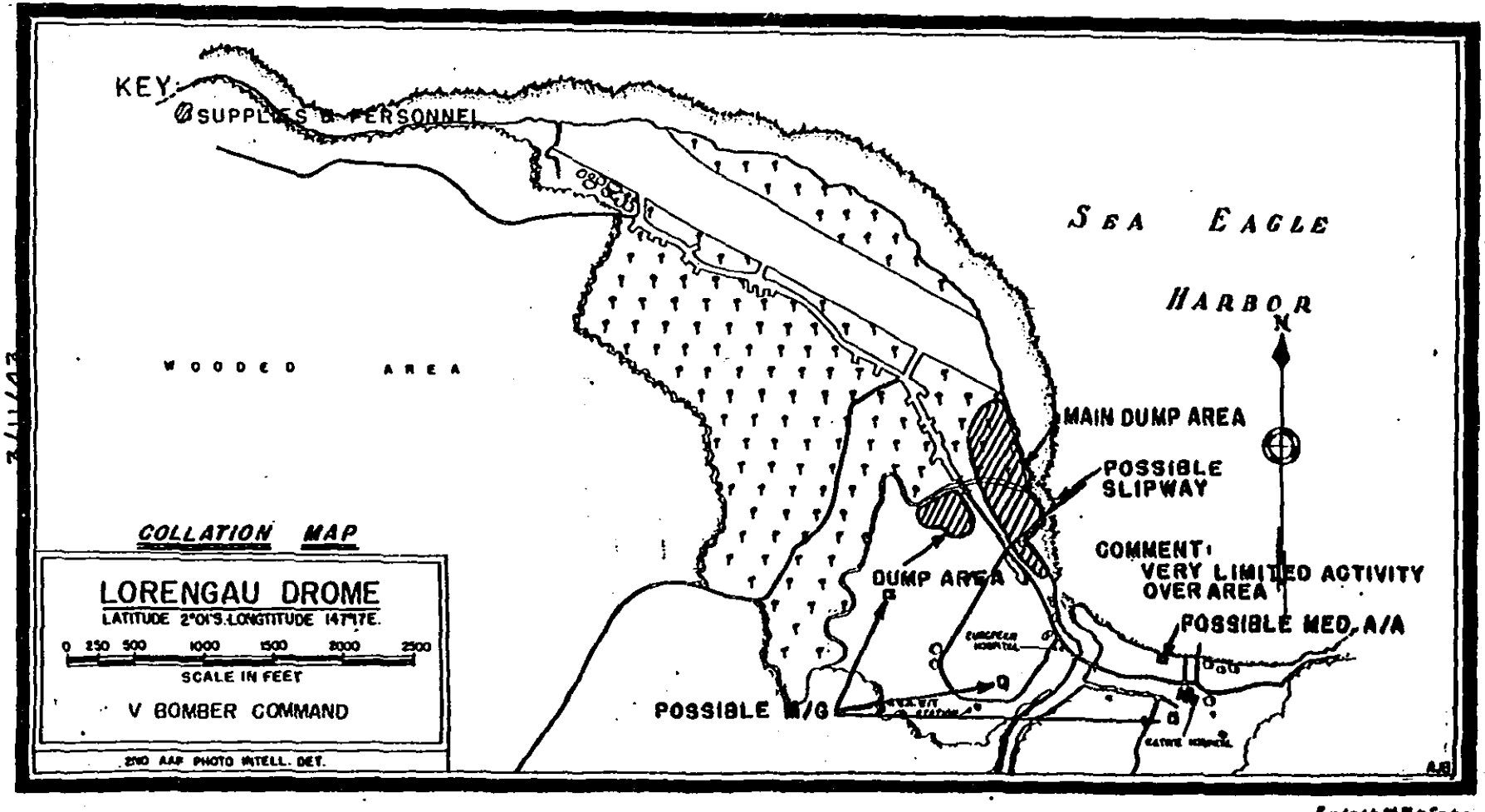
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Army Form C. 2118 (adapted)

Unit 31 Aust Sqn A L Sec 1 Aust Air Liaison Group — Date and Time.—From Month of November To 1943

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PORT MORESBY	Oct 25		ALO arrived DOBODURA 1100hrs. Sqn Dispositions 340 Sqn on No 7 Strip	
			341 on No 4 Strip; 342 on 15 Strip. ALO located with 341 Sqn.	
			Contacted CAPT STEPHENS (ALO F.A.T.F.). 341Sqn and 342 Sqn departed for	
			MORESBY during afternoon .	
	Oct 26		341 Sqn and 342 Sqn scheduled to arrive from MORESBY, but did not	
			arrive. 340 Sqn left for MORESBY.	
	Oct 27		341 Sqn landed DOBODURA at 1600 hrs. Red alert during night.	
	Oct 28		2 missions to SIO area by 341 Sqn. ALO visited 2 Aust Corps and	
			contacted Capt OGILVIE and Capt DUNHAM. 340 Sqn and 342 Sqn not yet in	
			area. Red alert during night. Bombs dropped in ORO BAY area.	
	Oct 29		ALO visited Capt PERCIVAL , ALO 475 Fighter Group.	
	Oct 30		Routine duties. 340Sqn and 342 Sqn arrived from PORT MORESBY.	
	Oct 31		Lieut. ROTH, S2 342 Sqn, evacuated to PORT MORESBY with dysentry.	
			ALO requested by Sqn C.O. to fulfil duties of Sqn S2.	

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