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7 Infantry Brigade

August 1942

7 AUST INF BDE

15 JUNE 1943

0900 hrs 1 Aug 42 0900 hrs 1 Sep 42.

MILNE BAY

Aug 1.	0900	Location statement Milne Force and map. X	Appx 1.
	0900	Brig Fields report Shipping MILNE BAY	Appx 2.
	0900	Instructions-Lightning forces.	Appx 3.
	0900	Sig Instn No 1.	Appx 4.
	0900	Milne Force adm Instn No 2.	Appx 5.
	1200	Milne Force R.O. 20/42	Appx 6.
	1350	Sitrep No 13	Appx 7.
	1429	Spotters report-PORLOCK HARBOUR -1 U.I. Plane flying N to E at 1407.	
Aug 2.	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	
	0500-0600	Tps stand to.	
	1200	Milne Force R.O. 21/42	Appx 8.
	1220	Sitrep No 14	Appx 9.
	1400	Recco report - Track MOTUIUA to TAUPOTA	Appx 10.
Aug 3.	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	
	0500-0600	Tps stand to.	
	0900	Personnel to man AA Guns	Appx 11.
	1030	Summary Cargo S.S. "SWARTENHONDT."	Appx 12.
	1200	Warning Order. Relief Det 55 Bn	Appx 13/
	1200	Milne Force R.O. 22/42	Appx 14.
	1200	Order of disembarkation S.S. "SWARTENHONDT".	Appx 15.
	1214	Air Raid alert - All Cle ar 1222 hrs	
	1230	Sitrep No 15.	Appx 16.
	1300	Message to N.E.A. TOWNSVILLE - Emergency landing ground at WANIGELA obstructed.	
	1300	Fall River Intelligence Summary No 4	Appx 17.
	1325	SAMAR AI reported enemy plane circled and flew NE at 1225 hrs.	
	1600	Message from L.H.Q. - Movement 10 C.C.S. to Fall River - Unit expected to arrive 8 Aug at TOWNSVILLE thence to Fall River.	
Aug 4.	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	
	0200	S.S. "SWARTENHONDT" arrival at Pontoon Wharf.	
	0500-0600	Tps stand to.	
	1050	Message from A.C.H. TOWNSVILLE. - In future empire boats may be directed to return by Fall River.	

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MILNE BAY

AUG 4

1200 Milne Force R.O. 23/42
1235 Spotter Sta PORLOCK Harbour report three planes headed SE By S at 1216 Hrs.
1235 R.A.A.F. O.B. advise that 6 P 40's rising to 23,000 ft to intercept if necessary.
1240-1400 Fall River Raid 1. ✓
1255 All units to watch for Kittyhawk apparently in trouble and report posn of landing.
1307 25 Bn report Kittyhawk apparently hit landed on drome - Fire on drome that has not been quelled - object probably jettisoned petrol tank in C Coy area under guard.
1320 25 Bn report a Zero has been seen going down in smoke some miles away in foot hills.
1400 Milne Force Op Instn No 3. - Relief of 55 Bn Det
1510 R.A.A.F. Ops report that Kittyhawk has returned safely.
1510 25 Bn report - during Raid ground forces in occupation defences of drome - remainder of unit in slit trenches with mobile Pl prepared to move - No casualties - No amm expended.
1600 Further details Zero crash - Bearing 20° T from Bn HQ at 1305 hrs report by 25 Bn.
1607 11 Fd Amb advised that N.G.F. forwarding 10,000 quinine tablets immediately by air.
1715 Instn to units - engage all hostile A/C
1820 S.S. "TASMAN" and S.S. "JAPARA" ETA 1100K/5
1835 9 Bn report - B Coy 9 Bn took over from C Coy 55 Bn Mission area.
1800-1900 Tps stand to.
2112 25Bn Offr in charge Pl digging trenches PONTOON WHARF area reports impossible to dig trenches in under surface mud - suggest sand-bag shelters - sandbags were arranged.
2350 Sitrep No 1 to L.H.Q. rptd N.G.F.
Aug 5. 0110 25 Bn report belly-tank jettisoned by Zero now delivered to R.A.A.F. O.B.
0500-0600 Tps stand to.

Appx 18

Appx 19.

Appx 20.

Appx 21.

Appx 22.

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MILNE BAY.

Aug 5.

0845 Empire F/Boat landed in bay.
0815 Sitrep No 15.
0833 GOILALA spotting sta reports 0820-U.I. planes heading south
1030 Message to units to send representative to collect issue of maps of PABUA EASTERN DIVISION.
1037 N.G.F. requests return Capt Steele 96 US Engrs at earliest - required for duties at MORESBY - at present acting as L.O. with MILNE FORCE. H.Q.
1135 Air Raid Warning to all units - All clear 1150
1200 Message re shipping movements
1230 Milne Force R.O. 24/42.
1230 Message to N.G.F. to pass land Ops BRISBANE- protective dets towards coast between EAST CAPE and GOODENOUGH IS being considered. Meanwhile tracks into Fall River frequently patrolled. Patrol strength one pl left Fall River 1/3 for WEDAU expected return 7/8. Patrol strength one sec has traversed route HAGITA - MULLINS HARBOUR. Patrols have crossed STIRLING RANGE from RABI to EAST CAPE. 5 Hudsons to operate from Fall River unless position found unsuitable.

Appx 23.

Appx 24.
Appx 25.

Aug 6.

1800-1900 Ips stand to.
0500-0600 Ips stand to.
0850 Message to L.H.Q. 24 Pd Coy R.A.E. has no personnel trained in bomb disposal neither has R.A.A.F. Fall River. Consider B.D. Personnel essential this force. Request B.D. squad be sent Fall River earliest.
0900 Patrols and dets report to L.H.Q. by Force Comd.
0910 S.S. "HANYANG" and S.S. "HENRY D THUREAU" ETA 1500K/7.
1030 Fall River Intelligence Summary No 5
1200 Milne Force R.O. 25/42.
1410 Request to N.E.A. - In view of enemy knowledge of this place request permission to open point to point W/T transmission.
1545 PORLOCK HARBOUR report 1-4-engined plane ETA 1600 hrs.
1549 PORLOCK HARBOUR report more planes
1550 Air raid warning - All clear 1650hrs

Appx 26.

Appx 27.

Appx 28.

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MILNE BAY

AUG 6

1800-1900 Tps stand to.

1806 31 trap to 17.

7.

0500-0600 Tps stand to.

0800

To 61 Bn - In view of possible enemy landing NORTH shore SE NEW GUINEA TO OCCUPY C.P.s and install spotters, 61 Bn will make a pt to TAUPOTA to forestall by active patrolling. ~~Wireless silence lifted.~~

0945

GOILALA reports one U.I. plane flying SOUTH.

1000

SARARAI heard bombers to North

1020

Air raid warning - All clear 1058.

1030

Instruction - Air defence of Docks.

1200

Milne Force R.C. 23/42

1230

Milne Force Op Eastn No 3A - Patrols.

1305

GOODENOUGH IS spotter reports 5 planes believed allied landing.

1330

Message to Sta Hospital - Red Cross will not be painted on roofs of buildings.

1600

Op Capt Thomas reports 5 Kittyhawks landed GOODENOUGH IS without petrol - map dropped to show location of petrol dump - crash launch sent during afternoon with provisions.

1615

HydRA practice shoot.

1600

Bat Coys 61 Bn now established KB Mission and Factory respectively. ~~Wireless silence lifted.~~

1800-1900 Tps stand to. ^{MILES}

2045

For Lt-Col Miller USA F.I.A. and Maj Margetts 2/9 Lt AA and 25 Bn Extension end of drome requires levelling mound at West end and alteration of def posns and road. Arrange immediately with Capt Oslovsky Coy E 46 Engrs removal tps and pd works.

2125

Report that 25 Bn patrol discovered crashed Zero. Plane and crew badly burned near WARIA Ck near WARPI village - Natives report second Japanese plane seen to fall into sea. ~~Wireless silence lifted.~~

8.

0500-0600 Tps stand to.

0855

Air raid alert - All clear 0955.

1045.

Message from Land Ops BRISBANE. Four 18 Pdrs and 4000 rds HE amm will be dispatched from TOWNSVILLE first available ship. Guns

Appx 29.

Appx 30

Appx 31.

Appx 32.

Full report
Appx 33

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MILNE BAY

Aug 8 1045

will be manned by personnel 4 Bty 101 A/Tk - OC 4 Bty will arrange reception guns and amm and tag of crews. After detailed recce OC 4 Bty will submit to this H.Q. dispositions for placing guns.

1100

Message to L.E.C. Role this force includes recce of islands SE NEW GUINEA area request supply one copy PACIFIC IS PILOT VOL 1. Suggestions for lightning force By Lt-Col Miles 25 Bn.

1200

1200

1200

1200

1245

Milne Force R.O. 27/42
A.F.W. 3003

DOGORA MISSION patrol report.

Sitrep 13 to 0200 hrs. R/S ref Sitrep No 16- Raid No 1K/4- patrol from 25 Bn sent to locate possible crashed ZERO on STIRLING RANGE located it approx 8 miles NNE from landing strip at 1530 hrs K/7- plane found vicinity WARPI Village, natives assisted-plane and pilot burnt- No identification disc or documents- articles found included, revolver 7 rds amm and full selector cock-reports from several villages say another plane crashed into sea NORTH of TAUPOTA.

Tps stand to 1500-1800 hrs.

" " " 0500-0600 "

AUG 9

1900

0300

1200

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1200

1640

Reporting code.

MILNEFORCE R.O. ser 28/42

Emphasis on Camouflaging.

Enc will send location reports to reach this Hq by 0900 hrs daily showing posns all coys and detts or patrols.

Tps stand to 1800-1900 hrs.

" " " 0500-0600 "

AUG 10

1900

0300

1020

To Lt Col MORGAN, 9 Bn- make recce WAIGANI for biv sites and def posns 2 rifle coys with att'd Bn supporting weapons-1 Coy for perimeter def WAIGANI landing strip other for mobile def along tracks leading to WAIGANI submit plan personally to Comd this force 0900 H/11.

Appx 34
Appx 35
Appx 36
Appx 37

Appx 38.
Appx 39.
Appx 40.

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AUG 10	1200	MILNEFORCE R.O. ser 29/42.	Appx 41.
	1900	Tps stand to 1800-1900 hrs.	
11	0600	" " " 0500-0600 "	
	0845	25 Bn Coy Disposns - A Coy will be firing on Range for full day - 7 Pl 1 Sec standing patrol KALOHU Track No 2 Sec establishing standing patrol head AWADUMA Ck No 3 relief and assisting established defences. 8 Pl patrol via TAUPOTA to DOGURA 9 Pl via WAIGANI to DOGURA B Coy 2 Pls fixed defences drome other pl mobile res. with Seccarriers. C Coy 1 Pl to patrol AWADUMA Ck D Coy working parties road work and drome work bal Coy assault course. E Coy 2 Pls drome 1 Sec at S SAMARAI with Engr party 1 Sec mobile res. H.Q. Coy Mortars 2 dets in defences 4 dets tng and manning R.A.A.F. Mortars Carriers 1 Sec drome 1 Sec mobile res 1 Sec tng AA on defences. Pioneers working on road water supply and R.A.P.	
	0905	S.S. "CAPRICORN" departed BRISBANE morning Aug 7 embarked 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.	
	1200	Milne Force R.O. 30/42	
	1230	Units requested to seek volunteers. 6 Ptes per Bn to man air warning Teleradio stas in SE NEW GUINEA area. Signal tng not necessary. resourceful men required.	Appx 42
	1230-1314	Fall River raid No 2. ✓	
12.	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	Appx 43.
	0500-0600	Tps stand to.	
	0930	9 Bn Coy dispositions. HQ, B & E Coys in Biv areas A & D unchanged. C Coy 13 Pl unchanged 14 Pl BALAGA 15 Pl WAIGANI preparing new positions 3 Secs leaving on 2 days patrol SAGARI River. B Coy 25 Bn firing on range - other Coys Biv area and defences.	
	0930	Milne Force R.O. 31/42.	
	1200	A.A.F. Moresby requests report Fall River drome. Can E 17's land? if so how many? If not, when you do expect drome ready for B17's.	Appx 44.
	1330		

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Aug 12. 1355 PORLOCK HARBOUR reports 7 UI planes flying South West from East, South this point 4 min intervals between planes.

1400-1415 Air raid alert → All Clear 1415.

1445 Bl7's arrival on drome.

1520 9 Bn L.O. Lieut Henderson reports arrival of 18 Bde Incl. Bns ^{adv parties} 2/9. 2/10, plus ^{parties} adv party 2/5 Fd Regt. ✓

1800-1900 Tps stand to.

2048 Names of volunteers for air warning atas received.

2211 Air sightings 1140K/12 1 Jap cruiser 5 merchant ships course 2100 posn 05° 10' S 150° 20' E. Believed enemy with air cover headed for destination NEW GUINEA. May produce air/attack here early 13 Aug.

13 0500-0600 Tps stand to.

0900 9 Bn Coys unchanged.

0900 D Coy 25 Bn firing Rifle and L.M.G. on range other coys unchanged.

0900 Land Ops advise Navy arranging sent copy PACIFIC IS pilot vol. 1 by Air.

1100 Air Sightings. Convoy 4 Tpts 2 destroyers 1 small gun boat posn 07° 10' S 149° 55' E course 2250.

1200 Milne Force R.O. 32/42

1429 TAUPOTA advise posn of PUNI OP is EXCELLENT POINT. APPX 45

1500 Sitrep No 21. APPX 46

1800-1900 Tps stand to.

1938 N.C.F. advise despatching 8 copies NEW GUINEA 1/4" map SAMARAI Sheet.

14. 0500-0600 Tps stand to.

0910 25 Bn coy disposns - 21 Pl BMG Coy firing on range. Remainder unchanged.

0940 9 Bn Coy disposns. HQ A & E Coys unchanged B Coy 10 Pl WAIGANI 11 & 12 Pls Biv area C Coy preparing to move BALAGA area 1 Sec maintaining standing patrol DUABO D Coy 16 & 18 Pls Biv area 17 Pl GABA GABUNA.

1000 Designation of C.O. of USASOS at Fall River

1100 Complete 5400' by 100' by evening 12 Aug will complete 12 B 17 dispersal bays by night 13 Aug - report By E Coy 46 Engrs. APPX 47

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Aug 14. 1200 SS "BONTEKOE" SS "BALIK PAPAN and SS "VAN HEEMSKERK" E.T.A.
 2000K/14.
 1200 Milne Force R.O. 33/42
 1200 Capt Oslovsky Coy E 46 Engrs reports to Maj Walker TOWNSVILLE.
 Bombers hy and medium can land on strip 5400'x 100' metal now
 laid. Dispersal areas with cover for six bombers will be
 completed by noon 16 Aug. Dispersal area with no cover now
 available six hy or medium bombers.
 1210 Location report 25 Bn - A Coy 1 and 3 Secs 7 Pl Biv area
 relieved from standing patrol by No 2 Sec- 9 Pl DOGURA B Coy
 2 Pls fixed defences drome 1 Pl mobile reserve C Coy Biv area
 D Coy working parties E Coy 20 Pl drome 19 Pl mobile res 21 Pl
 Rifle range.
 1400 N.G.F. message for C.O. MILNE FORCE under comd NGF from 0900
 Aug 12.
 Aug 15. 1800-1900 Tps stand to.
 0500-0600 Tps stand to.
 0850 Sitrep No 23
 0905 HQ N.E.A. A.A.F. Instn to Comd Milne force
 1015 Warning Order to 25 Bn - 1 Rifle Coy - 1 Pl MMG to DOGURA no move
 before 0600K/17. Personnel and equipment overland, hy equipment
 30 days rations, canteen stores by boat.
 1200 Milne Force R.O. 34/42
 1230 SS "BONTEKOE" SS "VAN HEEMSKERK" and SS "BALIK PAPAN arrived
 Fall River 1100 hrs. 2/9 Bn 2/4 Fd Coy det 18 Bde HQ.
 1650 Milne Force Op Instn No 4 - DOGURA Det.
 Aug 16. 1800-1900 Tps stand to.
 0500-0600 Tps stand to.
 0800 Bde Comd has ordered the men be given a period of rest today
 to enable them to make mend or rest as the case may be .
 essential work will continue and time in lieu will be given
 at discretion of C.O.
 1200 Milne Force R.O. 35/42

Appx 48

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 Appx 50.

Appx 50A

Appx 51.

 Appx 52.
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MILNE BAY

Aug 16

1220
1340

Fall River Intelligence Summary No 6
9 Bn I.O. to report to Comd Fall River 0830K/17. Bring data & maps of all recent reces incl MULLEN'S HARBOUR recce and South Shore MILNE BAY.

Appx 53

1400

9 Bn requested to report progress of recce and preparations of new site. At least two more Coys to vacate present biv areas near HAGITA by 1800 hrs Aug 19 and move to biv sites in rear of fwd def posns.

1500

9 Bn Coy disposns ref map GILI GILI & WAIGANI Sheet 3"-1 mile.
HQ Coy 977991 - A Coy Beach patrol from 03279850 to 027977 -
B Coy 11 & 12 Pls 973993 - D Coy 16 & 18 Pls 967987 E Coy 20 &
21 Pls 969990 - B Coy 10 Pl 924981 13 Pl 849024 14 Pl 973981
15 Pl 874001 17 Pl 011968 9 Pl 032985.

1800-1900
2209

Tps stand to.
Arrival additional units this area requires re-grouping biv sites recce immediately new biv sites as follows . 46 Engrs WAIGANI DROME - 101 C.A. AA Route 7. 123 F.O.D. area to be shown by S.C. 7 Bde. 101 Ind Bde Gp Wkshop and 101 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk posn to be shown by S.C.

Aug 17. 0500-0600

0800

Tps stand to.
9 Bn coy dispositions. All coys in areas preparing to move to new biv sites.

0800

Message to the Bishop of NEW GUINEA. Bishop P. Strong - Informing him that his vessel 'McLaren King' and crew have been impressed by Capt L. Austin District Offr to be used for carrying stores for tps and stores and mail for TUFU as far as BANIARA.

1015

HQ Coy 25 Bn firing on Range.

1200

Milne Force R.O. 26/42.

1200

Instns for compilation of AF W3006.

1253

KITAVA reports U.I. planes flying direction Milne Bay

1315

Air Raid warning - All clear 1358 hrs.

1335

UIAKU reports 4 engined bombers flying west.

Appx 54.

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MILNE BAY

Aug 17 1700 9 Bn moved to new area GOHORA Bay Ref 022974 GILI GILI Map at 1600 hrs. X
 1800-1900 Tps stand to.
 2005 For Maj Margetts 2/9 Lt AA bty. Orders recd TOWNSVILLE move immediately Fall River 709 Bty Airborne AA Arty. 12 Plane loads Empire F/Boat type. 3 due 18 Aug. 6 due 19 Aug. 3 due 20 Aug. If more tpt planes available movement will be expedited.
 2056 25 Bn will fire Mortars on range between hrs 0930 x 1100 Aug 18. Range in re-entrant NE of Route 7 ref GILI GILI map 995024 - 998029. Safety flags and sentries will be posted.
 2210 Sitrep NO 24

Aug 18 0500-0600 Tps stand to.
 0659 Air sightings. 1 Large destroyer or lt cruiser painted black 1 funnel clipper bow 1 sloop 1 funnel 400-600 tons 1 M.V. 1 funnel 2 well decks 1,000-2000 tons 1 funnel aft at 1100K/17 posn 08°15' S 156°28' E course 330°
 0920 Intelligence report possible early use Jap pabatps in NEW GUINEA 61 Bn will dispose immediately 1 rifle Coy 1 MMG pl 2 deta Mortars perimeter def No 3 Strip. X
 1100 Available for distribution 1/4" strat maps ABAU and TUFI.
 1108 Air raid alert - All clear 1205
 1113 Ref Medical staff HQ MILNE FORCE if Capt Magery not immediately available to take up appt DADMS please arrange appt Capt R Melville RMO 2/9 Fd Regt as DADMS and despatch by plane MILNE BAY important that DADM be also appointed and flown MILNE BAY at once.
 1155 Request to Lands Ops that remaining tps 2/9 Lt AA be sent FALL RIVER earliest for No 3 Strip.
 1200 MILNE FORCE R.O. 37/42
 1335 Following additional units required. Div Provost Coy. Fd Park Coy with additional bridging eqpt as arranged with E in C. Div cash office to bring 2000£'s in cash. Div postal Unit. Suggest 51 Fd Park Coy remaining units from 1 Aust Div. All above units warned previously for embarkation for N.G. Force.
 1800-1900 Tps stand to.

Appx 56.

Appx 57.

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18 Aug	2130	Sitrep No 25	Appx 58
	2130	Sitrep No 26	Appx 59.
19 Aug	0500-0600	Tps stand to.	
	1100	25 Bn Plan Ground defences GURNEY FIELDS.	Appx 59A.
	1100	9 Bn Coy disposns - A Coy beach def LAUIAM Ck to GABA GABUNA Bay - B Coy dispersal area C Coy BALAGA D Coy dispersal area E Coy Biv area.	
	1200	MILNE FOECE R.O. 38/42	Appx 60
	1425	Air raid alert All clear 1428	
	1426	Enemy planes over DAWSON IS heading west.	
	1430	Sitrep No 27.	Appx 61
	1430	MILNE FORCE Op Instn No 5 - Air borne tps.	Appx 62
	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	
	1800	Distribution List "B"	Appx 63.
20 Aug.	0500-0600	Tps stand to.	
	1200	MILNE FORCE R.O. 39/42	Appx 64.
	1449	DOBU reports U/I plane flying towards MILNE BAY.	
	1454	E.T.A. of planes 1508	
	1500 *	Air raid alert All clear 1548	
	1700	Report on arrival DOGURA Det.	Appx 65.
	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	
21 Aug.	0500-0600	" " "	
	0730	2/10 Bn reports bridges on foreshore between GILI GILI and PONTOON WHARF damaged by flood water - 46 Engrs to attend.	
	0923	61 Bn disposns. Coys in biv areas - patrol from KB Mission through GILI GILI to TAUPOTA.	
	1122	WAIGANI Ford impassable 7 ft of water.	
	1200	MILNE FORCE R.O. 40/42.	Appx 66.
	1350	18 Bde report HAGITA ford now fordable by 3 tonners	
	1530	N.G.F advise that Capt R MELVILLE 2/9 Fd Regt as ^d A.D.M.S. and a D.A.D.H. to be despatched direct from mainland.	
	1800-1900	Tps stand to.	
	2010	Comd MILNE FORCE will pass to Maj-Gen CLOWES as from 0900 22 Aug H.Q. remain present location temporarily.	

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22 Aug 0500-0600 Tps stand to.
0900 Message to 9 Bn - In order to determine what supplies are to be sent to C Coy now in posn at BALAGA - please advise approx date on which it is expected the Coy may march out of its new area for beach def.
1155 9 Bn advise that C Coy at BALAGA will be relieved NOT before 25 Aug.
1200 MILNE FORCE R.90 41/42
1200 A.F.W. 3009
1723 Brig J. FIELD relinquished Comd MILNE FORCE 0900 hrs today and transferred his HQ to 7 Bde Area. ~~X~~
1800-1900 Tps stand to.
2000 I.O. 25 Bn proposes recce STIRLING RANGE on 23 Aug out 0645 in 1945 hrs.

23 Aug 0500-0600 Tps stand to.
0927 9 Bn disposns - A Coy beach defs - B Coy Biv area - C Coy BALAGA - D and HQ Coys Biv area - E Coy preparing MG Posts.
0955 PORLOCK HARBOUR reports U/I planes flying SW
1012 Air raid warning - R.A.A.F report U/I planes 31.7° 20 miles away - All clear 1100
1100 4 Bty 101 A/Tk ordered to place 1 Tp under Comd 18 Bde
1100 Conference called for Adjts and Comds of 7 Bde units with Bde Comd 0900 24 Aug.
1800-1900 Tps stand to.
2114 Nominations asked for L.M.Q Regt Comds Course - required by 27 Aug.

24 Aug 0500-0600 Tps stand to.
0800 9 Bn disposns - A B and D coys beach def - C Coy BALAGA - E Coy preparing MG Posts - HQ Coy Biv area.
1324 Air raid warning - G.O.R. Reports RDF indicates planes 30 miles away
1445-1641 Air raid No 3.
1615 PORLOCK HARBOUR reports 7 Jap Barges passing between SEPOR IS and TOMARNI.Pt.

Appx 67
Appx 68
Appx 69.

Appx 70

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24 Aug	1630	No action so far on Jap barges - R.A.A.F. unable to locate TOMARNI Pt - position supplied by 7 Bde I.O..
	1655	R.A.A.F. unable to strike at barges- Out of range our fighter A/C.
	1658	PORLOCK HARBOUR reports - Japs landed FONA 1645 Hrs planes escorting.
	1705	DOGURA det advised of Jap landing.
	1800-1900	Tps stand to.
25 Aug.	0500-0600	" " "
	0900	GOODENOUGH IS spotter reports seven life boats heading south 2 miles out.
	0904	UAAKU reports U/I plane over WANIGELA then headed south.
	0910	R.A.A.F. spotter reports 7 Jap launches SW Cape VARIETTA at 0900 hrs heading SSE at 10 knots.
	0910	TAUPOTA advised of Jap Movements.
	0925	9 Bn Coy disposns - A B and D Coys beach def - C Coy moving from BALAGA to new posn - E Coy preparing MMG posts - HQ Coy mortars preparing posts bal biv area.
	1030	PORLOCK Harbour reports Jap planes flying around FONA direction TUFU plenty of ZEROS.
	1045	Interception from MORESBY - 7 Jap barges left FONA escorted by fighters - time not made clear.
	1050	RBF locate number of U/I planes as close as 24 miles 224° Air raid warning - all clear 1115.
	1102	PORLOCK HARBOUR spotters shifting to bush - will give posn as soon as set up again.
	1105	GOODENOUGH IS report Jap barges heading direction EAST CAPE 5 miles from CAPE VARIETTA now turning east.
	1115	Spotter KITAVA reports 3 warships anchored between IWA and KITAVA in SE 2 very large possibly cruisers all U/I 14 heavy explosions heard at 0845.
	1155	Spotter at GOODENOUGH IS - Hy bomber flying NW above clouds.
	1200	Warning Order - Manning defensive positions.
	x1200	First report DOGURA det.
	1225	Comd and Adjnt 61 Bn at 7 Bde HQ

APPX 71
APPX 72.

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25 Aug 1942

25 Aug. 1300 GOODENOUGH IS reports 8 pursuit planes believed ours flying 3000' SW direction.

1335 Air sightings - 9 vessels posn 09°22' S 151° 35' E course 200° speed 10 knots - all our units advised.

1500 MILNE FORCE advise in view likelihood of attack Maj-Gen CLOWES assumed Comd for all purposes of all Allied Air and US forces as from 1430 hrs 25 Aug.

1518 KITAVA reports ships left at 1000 hrs.

1530 7 Bde Def Pl received orders to report to FORCE HQ.

1538 One coy 2/10 Bn comes under comd 61 Bn in support.

1538 7 Barges near Cape VARIETTA destroyed on beach by our A/C - no Japs sighted - our A/C now on mission bombing convoy SS 'TASMAN' ordered out of Bay by navy 1330 hrs only partly unloaded - 7 Bde responsible for air raid warnings.

1600 Air raid alert - CAPE NELSON reports U/I planes flying south ETA 1610 - all clear 1707 hrs.

1627 Cape VINALL report number U/I planes heading SW ETA 1640

1640 ★ Air sightings - Convoy 10°08' S 151°18' E at 1545 hrs

1735 Message to all units - Every indication attack by enemy imminent tonight or early hrs tomorrow - Tps will stand to in battle posns until further notice - Attack may be supported by fire of Warships and Bombers - All localities will be pushed to completion for all round def through-out night. Amn, rations and water supplies will be placed in fighting posns with speed - All localities will be held with the utmost vigour and determination - Half hourly reports from 1800.

1800 Request to 2/10 Bn to supply Liaison Offr to 7 Bde HQ

1840 Convoy sighted 1820 hrs 10 miles S of southern most tip of NORMANBY IS - tpts strafed by our A/C.

1855 Message to units - Observers with W/T in R.A.A.F crash launch will return first light 26 Aug. Essential precautions taken to recognise craft before opening fire.

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25 Aug. 1930 9 Bn HQ move almost complete.

1930 25 Bn report unit ready for anything- posns manned - work progressing shortage of wire- 21 Pl in posn near FACTORY 1611 hrs 1 pl under Comd Lieut WOODROW DET FOR DEF Bde HQ.

1955 9 Bn report weather in Bay showery.

2022 25 Bn work progressing - request three tonners essential for mobility these roads.

2058 R.A.A.F. report tps on tpts wearing green uniforms. Tankers possibly carrying M.L.C.

2105 25 Bn Pl arrived Bde HQ

2115 Air raid warning - indications 34 miles bearing 229°

2122 visibility to sea 2 miles.

2122 9 Bn report 1 A/Tk gun and 1 25 Pdr in posn on beach 9 pl area.

2230 Series of by explosions to sea bearing 30° great range.

2302 61 Bn moving to battle posns.

2337 9 Bn report R.A.A.F crash launch approaching wharf - 2255 hrs - visibility to sea 1 mile.

2350 25 Bn report - 1 Sec MMG in posn 004014 1 Tp 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt preparing posns ref 999028.

26 Aug 2350 25 Bn report road congestion holding up balance of amn.

0012 24 Fd coy report - all quiet - 1 party leaving for road repairs HAGITA.

0015 R.A.A.F crash launch reports for U/I vessels 8 miles from Jetty on way in - probably tpts.

0018 FORCE HQ advise 2/10 Bn less 1 Coy now under comd 7 Bde - 1 Coy remains in FORCE res - if res desired, 7 Bde sector, whole of 2/10 can be under comd.

0110 NCO in charge of patrol vessel reports - when nine miles from jetty saw 2 large vessels in line abreast heading this way 2340 hrs.- when fog lifted saw 2 more - do not think they were warships.

0120 25 Bn report 1 Sec Carriers to each of A and C Coys - 1 Sec HQ coy- 3 dets Mortars at Bn HQ.

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26 Aug 0120 61 Bn runner reported to A Coy unconfirmed report Japs have landed East of KB Mission.

0135 61 Bn report MMG fire heard ~~left~~, B Coy KB Mission red flares seen - enemy moving down road in force using mortars and rifle fire.

0240 Pl of B Coy 61 Bn $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles E of KB Mission engaged by about 150 Japs. Our Pl forced back reported sound resembling carrier approaching KB Mission from E - none of our carriers this area - five our tps believed missing.

0320 TAUPOTA det were notified of situation and told to stay in posns.

0320 B Coy 61 Bn report at 0305 1 Jap light tank passed through KB Mission heading west ineffectively attacked with hand grenades.

0325 25 Bn report def posn biv area being strengthened by inclusion AASC and R.A.A.F ground personnel. C Coy moved to 61 Bn area 0250 hrs via routes 1 and 5 by MT as far as possible.

0415 Urgent request to FORCE HQ for 300 A/Tk mines. First allotment of 150 junction routes 1 and 3 for 24 Fd Coy to collect. Proposed field at ref map 073014, 064013, and 059015.

0500 Gunflashes 10 to 12 miles out to sea.

0553 Lt Col MELDRUM CO 61 Bn to Bde Comd - 4 ships left Bay, B Coy's fwd pl falling back I am establishing block in rear of B Coy.

0615 61 Bn report no news of D Coy who were at ANIOMA. 2 extra pls have not been sent to TAUPOTA as previously ordered.

0615 9 Bn report 2 Jap Naval units in Bay 0600 1 further to seaward 1 Tpt only seen N shore of Bay.

0625 Message to TAUPOTA det - have you any information of the enemy. ?

0700 A Coy 9 Bn reports constant noise of bombing from FORTRESSES followed by KITTYHAWKS. All vessels proceeding out of Bay. No hits observed.

0700 Request to FORCE HQ for sticky grenades to be supplied to the 24 Fd Coy at Junction route 1 and 3.

0715. 6 P40's strafed 8 landing barges drawn up on beach empty. - two barges unloading 200 yds further East were strafed with good results. HUDSON A/C bombed cruisers near SAMARAI no hits claimed.

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26 Aug 0735 DOGURA det reports that launch, "McLAREN KING" left at 1800 hrs
25 Aug for anchorage approx 6 miles W - all essential pparts have
been removed.

0740 2 P40's strafed a schooner and launch in Bay near Japanese posns (
these later proved to be the "ELAVALA" and "BRONZE WING" which were
abandoned by members of D Coy 61 Bn) Our A/C also strafed dumps
of petrol and stores near WANADALA which were left blazing. D

0740 61 Bn report - fwd tps have lost touch with Japs - Our patrols are
going out - Tank reported earlier did not pass through KB only
through fwd Pl of B Coy.

0755 R.A.A.F report 4 Jap barges burnt out

0757 Bde Comd notifies FORCE HQ that 61 Bn require a Coy on the road
behind fwd B Coy - 25 Bn will have to be permitted. 9

0807 Col LEGGE, A.I.L.O., now at R.A.A.F. Operations base requests
immediately map showing disposns 7 Bde fwd elements and also
believed Jap posns to enable pilots to accurately locate targets-
map passed at 0816 hrs.

0821 61 Bn report information from KB states enemy tps 500 yds from
Ck on Ssk side of KB Mission approx 200 strong with 1 lt tank.

0821 Bde Comd notifies 61 Bn that 1 coy of 25 Bn will be sent in support
of 61 Bn.

0823 Bde Comd to Lt-Col MILES, CO 25 Bn - have you a Coy? - can you
make one? - 61 Bn needs backing - D Coy 61 Bn out of picture but
may still be scrapping - require 2 Pls from your Biv area plus
your Pl at present acting as Bde HQ Def Pl - Coy Comd will be
Capt RYAN - Lt-Col MILES acting immediately.

0828 Bde Comd to CO 61 Bn -, watch flanks particularly inter- flanks

0833 Maj STAFFORD OC 24 Fd Coy reports to Bde HQ, confers with Bde Comd
about A/Tk mines and sticky grenades.

0840 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt ranged with 3 guns by firing out to sea - Bde
Comd discusses with Maj QUINTON possibilities of Arty support.

0849 Bde Comd to 61 Bn - Keep off tracks - support coming - discussion on
projected gunnery

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26 Aug. 0855 FORCE HQ suggest that surplus eqpt be shifted back - Bde Comd decided to establish a rear Bde HQ at No 1 Strip to which surplus stores and eqpt would be sent back.

0859 OC 24 Fd Coy advises mines have arrived. 3 Parties have gone fwd to lay them - MOLOTOV COCKTAILS being prepared as no sticky grenades available - 3 tons sticky grenade mixture expected from FORCE HQ. S.C will arrange necessary petrol for cocktails and 24 Fd coy will receive assistance from 43 US Engrs.

0916 61 Bn report - Japs have gone to earth

0924 Bde Comd to CO 61 Bn - watch for trap in view of quietness - Jap may be encircling - don't get too linear - Maj QUINTON OC 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt coming to you to discuss gunnery.

0925 61 Bn report - shot tank Comd and eight others - Tank returned to EAST.

0932. 61 Bn reports - our fighter A/C straffing - our fwd elements report B 17 down towards mouth of Bay.

0932 Our A/C met light AA opposition while straffing.

0937 Bde Comd to CO 61 Bn - Edge Mortars fwd - 61 Bn reports six stretcher cases ^{site}

0939 AA gun ~~sight~~ located near LADAVA Mission reports large burst of flames from believed posn of Jap supply dumps.

0939 R.A.A.F. advise - HUDSON on recce - if ships disappeared alternative target from tp disposn map. Two P40's straffing target from Map.

0950 Bde Maj, Maj MAHONEY, issued insns that 50% personnel were to stand down for sleep for 3 hrs.

0953 2 P40s returned from recce MULLINS HARBOUR - SAMARAI along coast - investigated all creeks and possible places for enemy shipping - NIL sightings - visibility 2 miles.

1009 61 Bn report - Casualties 8 missing B Coy - request plane recce to locate D Coy personnel at ANIOMA - Launch "ELEVALLA" took tps there yesterday afternoon - no news since - Bde Comd passed request to FORCE HQ.

1009 HUDSON making recce for enemy shipping direction LOUISIADE Gp.

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26 Aug 1030 61 Bn report - 6 men 18 Pl D Coy moved back over hills arrived B Coy 1020 hrs - caught on water on 2 boats yesterday afternoon - Capt DAVIDSON and NIXON-SMITH at BUBULETTA.

1032 Sig Offr 7 Bde calling TAUPOTA regularly.- no response.

1036 S.C. 7 Bde reports 75 sticky grenades sent 24 Fd coy for reissue to 61 Bn

1037 61 Bn report - D Coy left ANIOMA and were machine gunned from land-ward side - boats were run ashore, tps dispersed and hid and made way back over hills - there were 8 fast Barges used by enemy.

1100 CO 61 Bn requests air support - Bde Comd asks if Mortars are fwd yet and does Capt Bicks, OC B Coy, know that they are coming - Comd desires speed - B Coy to push on

1108 A.I.L.O Notified of 61 Bn request for air support 500 yds E of KB Mission one of our Pls at BUBULETTA (west of KILLERTON pt) rest of country free of our tps.

1140 Bde Comd to ~~GL~~, Col CHILTON - I am treading warily - do not want to leave drome area in case of wide sweeping movement - I now have 2 2/3 ^{coys} Coys 25 Bn supporting 61 Bn - Arty has FOO with B Coy 61 Bn - my Bde Maj went fwd to clarify - 61 Bn has asked for bombing at rear of enemy - I am not certain of numbers landed - Jap may be quiet awaiting reinfts.

1154. Bde Comd to CO 61 Bn - Take your C and A coys and push them in - watch your control road and get co-operation of FOO who is with Capt BICKS and may be able to help you - B Coy 2/10 Bn now fwd around drome - no worries about coastal strip - we must get job done today incase reinfts arrive tonight.

1155 Bde Comd wishes to see OC B Coy 2/10 Bn.

1217 Lieut RYAN, I.O. 9 Bn returned from DOWA DOWA on the S coast reports no enemy landed on the S coast of MILNE BAY.

1245 B.M. 7 Bde reports that B Coy 61 Bn unable to make any impression - has made 2 attempts but sustained casualties each time Mortars unable to be moved fwd on account boggy road - Lt-Col MELDRUM requires boat to tpt mortar and amm nearer to KB Mission.

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26 Aug. 1309 Bde Comd requests Lt-Col MORGAN 9 Bn visit him immediately.

1325 Bde Comd arranging about boat - 61 Bn to have mortars and eqpt at GILI GILI.

1328 Maj QUINTON reports BOO arrived in B Coy 61 Bn-line ~~laid~~ from Bty HQ - BICKS will attack as soon as given Arty support. *delete*

1333 Bde Comd to 25 Bn CO - hand over comd to 2 i/c and move to 61 Bn HQ interest yourself in show generally.

1345 61 Bn - Maj Wiles OC D Coy arrived back from ANIOMA - second boat got his Pl away 2 Pls under Lieut RITCHIE in action on other side of enemy at ANIOMA. Maj WILES came back across foothills.

1402 Maj QUINTON reports Arty ranging with beach guns with view to supporting B Coy 61 Bn.

1415 Spotter PORLOCK HARBOUR reports large number U/I planes possibly Jap fighters and bombers ETA 1435 hrs Air raid alert.

1419 Air raid warning - All clear 1623 hrs.

1420 Maj QUINTON not satisfied with ranging - altering posns slightly.

1425 C Coy 9 Bn ordered to RV routes 1 and 5 occupy posn vacated by B Coy 2/10 Bn.

1430 Spotter MAKUA reports fighters and bombers ETA 1440

1436 61 Bn report arty registration satisfactory - Lt-Col MELDRUM going to open up.

1510 Boat available for 61 Bn Mortars 1545 hrs.

1519 61 Bn - Arty support commences 1607 hrs duration 8 minutes. Air force support 1630 hrs.

1529 Details of air support to Adjut 61 Bn - Air Fprce will bomb up with AP bombs which can be put down within 300 yds of our own tps - A/C flashes ALDIS or downward recognition lamp - our fwd tps will signal their posn by firing white flares - Tps calling for Air support will fire red flares in direction of enemy opposition - planes over target 1630 hrs - Arty programme must be finished before air Force assist.

1600 Maj-Gen C.A. CLOWES visited Bde Comd.

1610 R.A.A.F. crash launch at GILI GILI loaded with mortars and amn guide required.

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26 Aug. 1623 Arty opened fire.
1628 R.A.A.F. crash launch will be returning to wharf after dark -
all units informed.
1630 Dispositions B Coy 2/10 Bn - Ref Map GILI GILI 3" - Coy HQ 054006
10 Pl 026013 11 Pl 053006 12 Pl 072014 - L/T being established.
1630 All A/Tk guns in posn
1700 FOO reports attack pushing ahead endeavouring to gain high ground
overlooking Bay - some progress - Air Force bombing successful -
Arty concentration successful. Appx 74
1730 Launch with Mortars did NOT go - visibility to sea 3 miles.
1805 Bde Comd to Force HQ - some progress in attack - reports fragmentary
so far - ^{use} "one red (enemy) verey" 200 yds in front. 2 red (enemy) vereys if enemy
400 yds in front.
Force supplied latest sightings - 8 large vessels seen E of
NORMANBY IS 10°08' S 151° 20' E 1658 hrs.
1825 Maj COMMON 25 Bn - organise Comp^o rifle Coy consisting 1 Pl 25 Bn
and eqpt 2 Inf Pls 25 AASC Coy occupy immediately foreshore from
mouth LAUIAM Ck to incl shore end of route 6
1830 2/10 Bn will move to posn Route 7.
1845 sightings 1700 hrs 8 ships off SE corner NORMANBY IS - Japs already
landed may show lights.
1925 Bde Comd and Lt-col MELDRUM reviewed the day's operations.
2030 Lt-col MILES report on afternoon attack - effects of Arty fire
difficult to judge in close country - enemy superiority in fire
Mortars and automatics, MMG from concealed posns astride road and
in trees - advance approx 800 yds - estimated enemy numbers 60
all with automatics - breakoff made in swamp - 25 Bn casualties
killed 3 missing 2 wounded 2.
2030 A coy 9 Bn report visibility seaward ½ mile - B17 dropped stick
of bombs 1840 hrs at point N arm of Bay occupied by Japs.
2030 C coy 9 Bn disposns as at 1825 hrs. 13 Pl astride road junc 028996
14 Pl astride road junc 037998 15 Pl astride road junc 035994 -
MMG posns 033996 035996 ref GILI GILI 3".

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26 Aug 2045 Shelling of coast by Jap warships in Bay - shells falling in hills E of our fwd elements.

2125 Flashes reported 8 miles from MISSION

2135 PONTON WHARF report shells landing 1000 - 1500 yards E wharf couple landed in water.

2155 A Coy 9 Bn report shells falling along line from PONTON Wharf to Jap posns.

2200 61 Bn report shells landing 15 Pl area also HOMO ck and hills behind 15 Pl.

2225 A coy reports shells landing in sea 1/2 mile from Wharf.

2250 61 Bn report all quiet.

2310 Sitrep No 9 to 2200 hrs.

2322 Today's sightings included 1 cruiser 3 tpts and 2 destroyers.

2330 Bde Comd from FORCE HQ - Use of A/C available MORESBY 27 Aug to engage ground movements - FORCE considers more essential attack enemy shipping - MORESBY suggestion of arrow and strip indication of targets not considered feasible here - recommend rather 1 red very light for each 200 yds off target. *By shell from enemy shipping*

2340 C coy 9 Bn 14 Pl ref 037998 were showered with dirt - nil casualties. *feasible*

27 Aug 0054 Mortar and MG fire heard 61 Bn area.

0100 61 Bn report - A and C coys fwd at KB Mission - B coy MOTUIAU some mortar amm carried up.

0105 Capt McDONALD L.O.L. went to see how composite Coy at GILI GILI were faring

0115 61 Bn report all clear to 0055 - Pte T. Palmer B coy 2/10 Bn was killed by shrapnel near GILI GILI wharf during shelling - MG and Arty fire in fwd areas.

0125 Mortar fire heard is Jap fire and falling on fwd elements at MOTUIUA.

0130 61 Bn mortars in action.

0136 CO 61 Bn to Bde Comd enemy flanking movement - contact at RABI - Comd saw CO Arty about using harassing fire.

0140 Gunfire from sea bearing 100° - 130° from MISSION.

0153 9 Bn report no shells on the land in their area. Firing on bearing 130°

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27 Aug. 0154. Bde Comd to CO 61 Bn - Don't pay too much attention to Southern end watch other end - have you carriers on grassland on PLATEAU- These are naval shells; don't get too linear - 2/10 are backing you - What are C Coy doing - have C coy got offensive patrols out - enemy in contact with all fwd coys.

0204 Maj QUINTON advises that harassing fire will commence 0258 hrs.

0207 AA Gun site on beach report 3 ships in Bay - one signalling others moving South.

0218 Bde Comd requests Maj COMMON to send 1 pl from Comp Coy to Bde HQ to act as Def Pl - 8 Fighter Control on high ground to N of Bde HQ.

0220 Ships leaving Bay.

0235 Maj MAHONEY to FORCE - All ships over horizon - 9 Bn reports bearing on boat from MISSION JETTY 147° end of labour line road 102° posn $\frac{1}{2}$ mile E of HIWOLA IS may be landing craft - movement on left flank 61 Bn - 2/10 Bn under our comd will move straight away to area around No. 1 Cottage - we can deal direct with En.

0250 Bde Comd now in comd 2/10 Bn - Col DOBBS to report with "O" Gp to Bde Comd.

0258 Arty harassing fire commences - slow rate.

0258 Lt-Col MELDRUM reports offensive patrol sent out to mouth GAMA River.

0314 Arty fired 40 rds KB area.

0314 Capt WYDE COY 9 Bn reports shells landed in front 14 Pl and swept Eastward.

0318 Lt-Col MELDRUM to Bde Comd - in view of number of steep defiles grenades will be handy - Japs are quiet and CO 61 Bn proposes counter attack with 12 pl ~~354~~

0354 Comd to Lt-Col MELDRUM - Let lads fwd consolidate; use patrols from rear unit - Jap appears to lie doggo by day and uses small parties under cover of darkness - quiet now - we will help you with patrols on flanks - sit tight-all round def.

0405 2/10 Bn under comd as from 0230 hrs 27 Aug.

0413 Col DOBBS and "O" Gp 2/10 Bn arrive Bde HQ.

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27 Aug. 0500 R.A.A.F. rang Comd for targets desiring attention.
0503 61 Bn A and C coys now West of GAMA River - Comd ordered Lt-Col MILES to relieve Lt-Col MELDRUM.
0645 I.O. 61 Bn reports C coy 25 Bn in support - nothing new re outflanking by enemy.
0705 Enemy Tank bogged immediately E fourth Ck E of KB Mission - Sightings Air Force - will be bombed by P40's also investigating S Coast for any possible landings last night.
0747 61 Bn report - enemy are being harassed.
0800 G.O.R. advise U/I Planes 22 miles 91° later 15 miles 102°
0817-0900 Air raid No 4
0910 Comd rang G.O.C. discussed operations to date.
0923 9 Bn S coast patrols are active - 1 standing patrol ELIBOLEBOLELI - 1 Sec at GIBARA and another at WAGA WAGA SOUTH this patrol due in 0900 today.
0927 I.O. 61 Bn - Capt BICKS has under comd 110 men made up of A B and C coys - he will be relieved in 1 hrs time - he will then join B Coy 2/10 Bn at KILABO - his last action ^{was} against Japs MOTUIUA 0400 hrs - 25 Bn truck collecting wounded was fired upon passing KILABO 0730 hrs - Capt BICKS thinks 90 Japs killed by small arms.
0950 Urgent for 2/10 Bn - tpt required 14x3 tonners or equivalent must be FWD or six wheel drive vehs.
0950 TAUPOTA report nil sightings at 0230 hrs.
1006 61 Bn report - four men returned from KB last night - road was clear of enemy - Japs seen returning in parties of 30 and 40 - Stores left by us at KB were untouched by Japs - Bde Comd gave orders for fighting patrol to go as far as possible
1030 Comd sent Capt PULCHER, 8 Fighter, Control, to stop straffing ^{as} our tps now following through.
1031 Comd to Lt-Col MELDRUM - straff ^e order has been cancelled on G.O.C.'s orders - Comd desires to know what time Jap withdrawal was observed.
1038 Maj WILES reports Jap AA Guns were in action just before he left his HQ during raid 0817-0900.

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1038 Col DOBBS 2/10 Bn arrived for discussion of posn with Maj WILES.
1057 Comd advised Col DOBBS to be wary of Jap Patrols.
1100, 61 Bn asked for 2 men who knew RABI Road to be available as guides
for 2/10 at strip 1200 hrs - 2 days rations.
1104 R.A.A.F. asks if recce needed E of KB Mission.
1118 Four men who returned to 61 Bn this morning were part of fighting
patrol who went out 400 yds beyond KB night 26/27. They were cut
off and lay doggo all night - at 0400 saw Japs coming back from
direction RABI, marching fast, talking loudly, no regard for protection
and at 0730 our men returned to biv area KB Mission; found one pl's
gear untouched the other ripped about - Several Jap bodies about -
Near eqpt 3 or 4 Jap dead one equipped with flame thrower - No
trace of enemy seen on return journey.
1126. FORCE EQ advise of allotment of 40 additional TSMG's for 7 Bde-
These will be given to 2/10 Bn.
1145 9 Bn WAGA WAGA patrol has returned - no enemy landing on S coast -
standing patrol on COMINI River.
1230 WEDAU asks when safe for "McLaren King" to return - no sign of enemy.
1240 To WEDAU - in view of possibility parties of Japs from MILNE BAY
making way to NW - be vigilant.
1240 Lt-Col MELDRUM's statement on casualties.
1240 In view of bad state of road E from RABI four power driven launches
under comd 7 Bde for amm and supplies and evacuation casualties.
1240 R.A.A.F. recce plane flew four times from KB to KILLERTON Pt
No enemy activity - no AA - tank not seen - barges about 1 mile E
of KB - some ashore some in water all damaged - pilot considers
no increase in number of barges.
1313. FORCE advised - 2/10 Bn have left to establish firm base at KB -
Bde Comd spoke to men before departing - report of small Jap
Naval craft at KILLERTON Pt not considered advisable to go too far -
ANIOMA limit for Bn - Patrols can go on to EAST CAPE.
1400 Comd to Lt-Col MELDRUM - 2/10 Bn will go no further than KB
but suitable strengths will go fwd if necessary - Lt-Col MELDRUM
will keep Comd posted - if necessary messages could be flashed
across Bay - suitable water craft on hand if needed.

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27 AUG 1410 Lt-Col MILES 25 Bn to take over KILABO to allow 61 Bn to rest.
1410 61 Bn A Coy at BOBS House - C coy fwd at KILABO- 10 pl B coy reserve 2 pls not yet back - A/A fwd of strip.
1412 Lt-Col MELDRUM notifies return of Capt DAVIDSON with 40 men.
1440 Col DOBBS fwds Capt DAVIDSONS report- saw 5000 japs first night
Could have contacted 40-50 Japs 3 miles behind GILI GILI no sign of Japs leaving last night - Col DOBBS found native with Jap cigarette and offered Native 5 cigarettes to show him where Japs were.
1440 TAUPOTA reports Lieut SHAW and patrol passed from WEDAU 1210 hrs - no sign of enemy.
1511 Bde Comd to FORCE - Capt DAVIDSONS report is questionable owing to his physical state.
1528 Comd to Lt-Col MELDRUM - Can lieut RITCHIE give any estimate of number of 'aps?
1535 16 pl 61 Bn to remain at TAUPOTA until further notice.
1548 Lieut RITCHIE states Jap landings at LILINOA, WANADALA and WANADALA East - landing by 9 barges which ferried back and forth - unable to give estimate of numbers - He states that Capt DAVIDSON'S party with which he moved, did not meet or see enemy after initial landing.
1546 G.O.C. orders Col DOBBS to go to KB Mission - Col DOBBS report 5 dead Japs at KB-patrols have gone 400 yds E of KB. No enemy seen.
1602 Lt-Col MELDRUM - native report no sign of Japs; also carrier has been destroyed on Minefield.
1609 Maj STAFFORD 24 Fd Coy arrived Bde HQ with chart of Minefields.
1620 Lt-Col MELDRUM advised 61 Bn will be relieved.
1620 9 Bl7's and 6 MARAUDERS standing by at PORT MORESEY for attacks on shipping sighted - HUDSONS making reconce KILLERTON PT to EAST CAPE.
1627 61 Bn will move tonight to res posn N of GURNEY Field on route 7 - Role-7 Bde res counter attack if called on, in any part of Bde area Biv area should be close to route 1 if space available - Operations your present role to be handed over to 25 Bn - rifle coys move first then MMG then HQ Coy-begin to move 1800 hrs.

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- 1627 (contd.) advise when move completed - fighting eqpt and minimum camp, eqpt only need be moved tonight-proceed immediately - re-organise Bn - advise ~~NO~~ additional MT required - in new area co-ordinate local defs all services units and R.A.A.F. ground staff and patrol to your north.
- 1642 61 Bn advise Jap eqpt being brought in to GILI GILI Jetty by launch. 1650 hrs 24 Pd coy ordered to place single strand wire around minefields and keep sentries posted.
- 1710 G.O.C. orders WEDAU det to be reduced to 1 Pl with W/T comm - Capt DUGGAN with main body return overland immediately - route EAVORI -WAGITA - Tps carry Bren but not MMG - MMG and hy stores by McLaren King with small party- McLaren King may move by night - when in Bay avoid ANIOMA.
- 1725 R.A.A.F. requests patrol investigate crash of P40 piloted by Sqdn Ldr TURNBULL four Cks BOKB Mission.
- 1725 61 Bn fwd request to Adjt 2/10 Bn send .303 amm and TENG amm and rations to KB Mission tonight - please endeavour arrange launch arrives 0400 28 Aug - 61 Bn ask if they can remain in present posns overnight- permission not granted - Bn will move 1300 hrs
- 1725 WEDAU advise Coy HQ and 1 Pl 25 Bn arrived here yesterday + Lieut MORRISON arrived 1600 hrs 27 Aug. Capt DUGGAN requires direction if he can pass tomorrow WAIGANI via new route W+PERIPHERINA via MIAMAU , BURDUA, WAIGANI expect reach WAIGANI Sunday 1300 hrs.
- 1830 Enemy eqpt taken to Bde HQ
- 1840 2/10 Bn report carrier lost on minefield - Doctor unconscious - petrol ignited, men burnt.
- 1926 TAUPOTA - B coy 10 Pl here standing by for orders.
- 1928 61 Bn awaiting vehs for move to res posn.
- 1940 Traffic to be cut to minimum - vehs on waterfront to put out lights
- 2005 Message to TAUPOTA det - advise if ANGAU personnel who were at ANIOMA are safe.
- 2105 A/A gunsite report - Hy explosions bearing 40° from MISSION - could be 25 Pdrs.

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27 Aug 2017 FOO with 2/10 Bn at KB reports - spasmodic rifle fire 1000 yds N of Jetty.

2018 61 Bn tpt for move being speeded up by S.C.

2022 Maj MARTIN 2/10 reports - 2/10 Bn at KB being attacked by Tanks.

2025 R.A.A.F. inquire if any news of Sqn-Ldr TURNBULL - no news yet from 2/10 Bn.

2040 Arty commence firing on KB Mission area - 25 Bn informed.

2053 Comd to FORCE - re difficulty in obtaining vehs - require our own res of tpt for operations.

2012 61 Bn notified that 4 ~~four~~^{five} tonners left at 1730 hrs for BOBS House Bde Comd request for another 4 granted.

2017 Adjnt 2/10 Bn reports - 2 Tanks operating E of KB - Inf appear to be in hills E and NE of Mission - tanks have been engaged without effect - we hope to have success with sticky bombs - our supply is very limited - Inf not yet engaged at close quarters - If satisfied cannot stop tanks will withdraw 500 yds W of road where we can bottle neck him. No news yet of any casualties.

2113. tpt for 61 Bn bogged - 5 vehs junc routes 5, 6 and 12.

2132 FOO reports tanks have withdrawn.

2202 Crash launch going out on patrol - sending 3 A/Tk rifles and 200 rds - launch will return early hrs of morning - recognition 3 long flashes on torch.

2217 To Lt-Col MILES 25 Bn - watch track which leaves coast at KB and re-appears at RABI - take over sticky bombs from 61 Bn

2230 24 Fd Coy to send sticky bombs up right away - close minefields.

23 18 FORCE requires amn state as at 0900 hrs 28 Aug.

2318 Maj RYAN 11 Fd Amb to vacate present bearer relay post - move remainder of coy to 25 Bn area.

28 Aug 0008 C.D.F. signal will be 3 reds.

0043 Bde Maj to I.O. 2/10 Bn - A/Tk rifles being sent you by alternative methods land and sea. - 2/10 Bn report 2 tanks have entered clearing with lights on - our tps engaging.

0053 Gun fire at KB increasing in intensity.

0101 Gun fire at KB has ceased.

J. Mahoney
Bde Major

28 Aug 0140 2/10 Bn have withdrawn 4000 yds under pressure from Tanks - Japs used amm sparingly - 25 Bn informed.

0207 A coy 2/10 Bn dispersed with CO - B coy mauled - C coy evacuated KB - Japs believed to be Commandoes - 3 Tanks - Bn reforming on GAMA River.

0257 2 A/Tk Guns with 2/10 Bn falling back to GAMA River.

0257 Runner from 2/10 Bn reported to 61 Bn - KB Mission on fire earlier in night 2 Tanks moved about with lights on .

0310 Comd advises Lt-Col MILES to watch flanks and keep Def in depth - 2/10 Bn have reformed on GAMA River.

0320 Jap Tanks at RABI - Lt-Col MILES requests closing of Minefields

0320 Sitrep No 10.

0325 To 4 Bty 101 A/Tk Regt - Warn all gun crews to be ready for action.

0333 Minefields closed.

0335 61 Bn warned to prepare for move.

0340 Comd to Lt-Col MILES - A/Tk Guns ready our Inf must be prepared to stop Jap Inf behind Tanks.

0350 Jap Tanks estimated to be 15 Tons.

0400 43 US Engrs desire to remove by eqpt from posn near strip of Tractors may be confused with approaching tanks and Comd refuses to grant permission.

0400 9 Bty 2/5 Pd Regt report that 2 ^{two} POCs Lieut BEARD and Lieut ^{OLEY} GALEHOLLY have been killed.

0400 R.A.A.F. advised that all our tps now behind GAMA River - This River will be bomb line for first-bight straffing - in case our tps re-cross. river better to concentrate on KB and ANIOMA areas.

0410 G.O.C. desires patrol to DOWA DOWA on south coast - 9 Bn patrol to leave immediately - Bde Comd desires launch to contact patrol from point to point along coast.

0420 Comd to 61 Bn - Our Inf must counter attack after Tanks pass - Japs may dig in and remain a nuisance.

0435 9 Bn CO Lt-Col MORGAN has arranged for W/T set to be installed on launch to send back messages from DOWA DOWA patrol.

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J. Mahoney
 Major
 7 Aug 1942

28 AUG 0435 Comd to Lt-Col MORGAN - discuss operations, posn, which is every minute becoming more tense.

0440 Tanks approaching KILABO - 61 Bn move back to strip area on way to completion.

✓ 0503 Comd to Maj WILES 61 Bn - get your men together and move into Bde HQ area via routes 1, 11 and 10. - these troops are reserves - freshest men to move first.

✓ 0512 Comd to Maj WILES 61 Bn - for time being make forces for Bde HQ 1 Coy only - Lieut HENDERSON L.O.2 will meet you at June routes 1 & 11.

0520 Fighting is going on at No 3 Strip - Tps in PONTOON area warned.

0520 MMG fire heard by 61 Bn.

✓ 0525 4 Bty 101 A/Tk report - one our A/Tk guns lost.

0540 Comd tells Lt-Col MILES to hold fast - bombers coming first light.

0540 Arty opened up on target GAMA River area.

0545 Comd to G.I. - Hy fighting at No 3 Strip - Japs working along beach - Arty firing on GAMA River - Arty firing blind - FOO knocked out - in morning safe to straff GAMA River to ANIOMA - all Coy going fwd - I have protection top route 10 - A coy 25 Bn will be moved up to hills - send trucks to 61 Bn immediately.

0555 Comd to Lt-Col MILES - stick it out - soon as safe push patrol fwd for infm. - infm most valuable now .

0600 first P40 commences strafing.

0600 Comd instns to L.O.3 for 61 Bn - 1 coyⁱⁿ advance of 8 Fighter Control - 1 coy around R.A.A.F. 1 Coy near House No 2 near Hy A/A Bty.

0600 61 Bn first Pl arrived and placed N of 8 Fighter Control - role to watch tracks coming out of Jungle.

0610 Sgt from 2/10th reported to Bde HQ - interviewed by Bde Comd

0618 Arty guns at WENURIA CK brought back to Slaughter House.

0915 9 Bn HQ ref 000 981

0928 P40's concentrating on area 1 mile W of KB.

0928 R.A.A.F. located tank 2 miles east of No 3 Strip.

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Major
Adjutant, 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

28 Aug 0935 Received at Bde HQ 1 Jap Bn Flag and Marine shoulder colour patch.
0955 TAUPOTA advise no news of ANGAU personnel - natives report that these personnel took to bush.
✓ 1040 Comd to G.O.C. - 25 Bn wiped out 80 - 90 Japs - sticky bombs appeared to be unsuccessful - CO 61 Bn suggests using PLATEAU for line of attack.
1100 Gunfire heard in strip area.
1130 Report from 2/10 Bn - One hour before dark natives report that Japs gave them cigarettes at KB - B coy ahead were fired on by MG then all quiet until one hour after dark - then Tank came through B coy small arms no effect on Tanks with lights on near Bn HQ ^{moved} backwards and forwards across front armed with MG and 2 Pdrs - 3 Tanks in all - Sticky bombs no effect - A/Tk gun no effect - flat roof type - Jap seemed to land on beach - Col DOBBS with B coy into bush - Tank came through B coy 150 yds and stopped - good percentage of our Bn in hills - 10 offr and 1 OR wounded.
1200 Following articles captured by tps 2/10 Bn vicinity KB Mission night 27/28 - 1 shoulder patch 3" diameter Red star in centre with Red crossed anchors underneath also a white rectangular Flag 2' 6" by 1' 6" Red circle in centre 1' across radiating lines of Jap characters from circle.
1214 Comd discusses possibility of an attack from PLATEAU - following Arty and air bombing - could lend support of 2 Coys - Arty around KILABO suggested - 61 Bn to commit B and D coys - Lt-Col MILES informed of proposed plan of attack
1311 2/10 Bn personnel have been reequipped with dry clothing and are reforming in area Route 7.
1605 61 Bn consider it possible that Jap may be using small rubber boats.
1620 Lt-col WISE from MORESBY sent by Gen WHITEHEAD confers with Comd on bombing support - suggest smoke candle indication of fwd tps.
1855 Comd requests Maj MATTHEWS 2 i/c, 2/10 Bn to keep in touch in case his Bn needed - report when established.
1905 Lt-col MELDRUM reports to Bde Comd - concerned about late arrival of B and D Coys - these coys last to leave - last veh left 1743

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29 Aug 0850 TAUPOTA report all quiet.
0900 61 Bn report that there are scattered enemy parties in vicinity POIN Ck bridge.
0904 Pontoon minefields opened.
0920 WEDAU - "McLAREN KING" will depart 1800K/29 for GILI GILI avoiding N shore.
1015 2/10 Bn report - A and B coys completely reformed sufficient amn supply-both coys had good sleep - ready for duty by 1200 hrs.
1020 Air recce of 2 small boats sighted in Bay - ,include in bombing target factory at ANIOMA.
1045 25 Bn patrols - 12 Pl with Coy HQ left for WEDAU via TAUPOTA expected back 30 Aug - 11 Pl left for WEDAU via TAUPOTA expected back 1 Sep.
1015 Bde Maj to G.I. - request decision re role of Pl at TAUPOTA • Our intention to order other pl at TAUPOTA to return and leave original Pl there.
1105 Comd 18 Bde, Bde Comd WOOTTON on way to 7 Bde with instns from FORCE. G.I. gave approval order 1 Pl of 61 Bn to return from TAUPOTA by way of OOMANANA .
1200 A.F.W. 3008
1210 HUDSON bombed suspicious object in water in Bay.
1325 D Coy 61 Bn report 2 Jap Tanks also 1 gun probably by Mortar passed through ref Map 068014 where this unit fired Mortar Bombs this morning - Tanks later found empty and ditched.
1400 Report that Jap patrol had broken through our FDL'S led to bulk canteen being destroyed by our tps. *demolished without orders from 7 Inf Bde.*
1415 Comd instructed Maj WILES 61 Bn to get report of any damage by A/Tk rifles apparent on Jap Tanks.
1530 CO 61 Bn reports rifle fire and enemy activity in fwd area.
1545 101 Ina Bde Wk/shop to be withdrawn from fwd area.
1550 Lt-Col MILES notified that American Engrs would be moving to back areas.

Appx 79.

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Bde. Major, 7 Aust. Inf Bde. Major

28 Aug 2007 Bde Maj to COC 24 Fd Coy $\frac{1}{2}$ Be ready to close minefields if necessary - Lt-Col MILES is fwd - close field at PONTOON Wharf - now - 24 Fd Coy personnel standing by.

2010 Lt-Col MELDRUM to Comd - I have sufficient personnel - plans surveyed for tonight .

2146 61 Bn report all quiet.

2225 CO 24 Fd Coy reports PONTOON Minefield closed.

2230 61 Bn report all quiet.

29 Aug 0400 MORESBY advises that bombers will arrive at daybreak.

0430 Lt-Col MILES reports intermittent firing right flank.

0450 Lt-Col MELDRUM sent out fighting patrol of 1 Pl C coy 9 Bn by left flank to vicinity of RABI - keeping in touch with American portable W/T set.

0500 Bde Maj request to FORCE - Request air recce at first light to see if Japs are repairing Barges previously damaged - Attack again if necessary.

0545 Lt-Col MELDRUM sends out further patrol.

0610 Comd requests no bombing or straffing West of RABI.

0610 Comd to 61 Bn - push ahead with patrolling - include seaward side.

0655 Lt-Col MELDRUM reviews situation with Comd - Lt-Col MILES to prepare to move to RABI.

0700 CO 43 US Engrs suggests grading of roads in rear areas before they disappear completely.

0730 61 Bn patrol report enemy advancing KILABO possibly only a patrol.

0733 Arty opened fire on KILABO area.

0745 61 Bn send a patrol to grassy area on PLATEAU - to prevent flanking and act as spotters for Arty.

0746 Lt-Col MILES sends fighting patrol along beach

0820 Comd orders C coy 13 Pl 61 Bn to proceed to BOES House .

0829 Lt-Col MILES to send out patrols across drome to bring back infm, fighting for it if necessary.

0840 Sounds of small arms fire vicinity POIN Ck bridge - consider it to be patrol encounter.

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 Bde. Adj. Gen. 1st Div.

29 Aug 1605 CO 61 Bn advised to be particularly careful of ambush and booby traps in carrying out pre-arranged plan.

1638 61 Bn OP at BILOBULOLO Hill supplied from plane with emergency rations and ground sheets.

1730 Sightings - 1 Jap cruiser 9 destroyers heading this way. All tps stand to until further orders.

2037 Comd to CO 25 Bn - discusses posns-101 Ind Bde GP Wk/shop will remain in present posn.

2114 2/10 Bn report - remainder B and C coys are still out in hills and will be coming in tomorrow.

2145 Comd to Lt-Col MILES - ditched enemy Tanks to be disabled - organise party to do the Job.

2145 25 Bn to supply inf protection Arty guns at slaughter house

2200 6 men killed in Carrier destroyed on Minefield yesterday incl M.O. 2/10 Bn.

2235 Comd to Lt-Col MILES - suggest use of Molotov Coctails in destruction of enemy Tanks.

2235 Lights in Bay indicate possible Jap shipping in Bay vicinity previous landing - beach spotters report they can see possible destroyer and one other ship.

2310 61 Bn report all quiet.

2312 Jap ships commence shelling - shells appear to be falling in Bay.

2359 61 Bn all quiet.

2359 Sitrep No 11

30 Aug. 0011 Bombing and AA fire heard from Bay area.

0050 Our recce A/C reports ship in Bay - dropped flares and encountered A/A fire.

0100 61 Bn all quiet.

0121 61 Bn instructed to send out patrols early morning - 25 Bn concentrated on Jap snipers in trees using .50 MG - Japs who jumped down and ran N were accounted for by 61 Bn - otherwise all quiet.

0127 Comd to FORCE - Little activity on front - patrol which 25 Bn sent out to destroy Tanks were unable to locate them.

Appx 80

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 11 Aug 44

30 Aug. 0325 All quiet.
0405 Lt-Col MELDRUM in conversation with Comd reports Jap use of noise by beating tin cans yesterday.
0550 25 Bn patrol 1 Sgt 4 ORs left four hrs ago to locate Tanks NOT yet reported back.
0600 Comd to CO 61 Bn - go ahead with plans - be wary.
0605 61 Bn moving fwd no enemy seen - CO thinks Japs may have left.
0625 Fighting patrol from A Coy 9 Bn sent to RABI.
0642 Minefields opened by our tpt.
0710 MORESBY making available 40 planes to bomb Jap occupied area this morning.
0736 Comd to FORCE - active patrolling.
0738 Our A/C commence bombing operations enemy land posns
0745 Comd to CO 25 Bn - provide a patrol with signal pistols to be fired at bounds if no sign enemy.
0751. Comd orders 61 Bn to move through to RABI as soon as possible.
0810 Patrols still searching for Tanks.
0824 2/10 Bn not to be committed for patrolling.
0827 61 Bn take their first prisoner who later died of wounds - effects and eqpt coming back - no enemy seen W of POIN Ck.
0840 61 Bn 7 day patrol to N coast and return reported in - No enemy seen.
0850 25 Bn CO requests no strafing on account of active patrolling.
0914 Request to FORCE for launch to move patrol along coast with point to point contact - Comd orders another patrol for A Coy 9 Bn to be ready at wharf.
0925 61 Bn reports many dead Jap bodies along patrol routes.
0940 FORCE request message to 61 Bn OP at BILOBULOLO to call in all 2/10 Bn personnel - 61 Bn desire to retain OP - it is possible message cannot be sent as OP obscured by clouds and only V/T exists.
0950 Extra phones and signal wire sent to 61 Bn - phones to be carried fwd by patrol to expedite infm.
1002 25 Bn to send out patrols to collect effects and eqpt and insignia of dead Japs discovered by 61 Bn patrols.

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Major

30 Aug 1012 FORCE consider unnecessary to destroy Tanks if Japs have left -
 25 Bn consider possible Jap may be reforming.

1021 Lt-Col MILES reports that patrols were instructed not to destroy Tanks
 if no enemy in vicinity - if enemy located to lie in ambush.

1025 R.A.A.F. crash launch will be used for patrol equipped with W/T
 set in contact with signaller at PONTOON Wharf who is Equipped
 with phone to Bde HQ

1043 CO 25 Bn reports 25 Pdrs and Mortars have been our most effective
 weapons so far - they played havoc with Jap snipers in trees.

1100 TAUPOTA report 1 sec of Jap one mile E of PUNI PUNI 0100 hrs
 advancing towards TAUPOTA - may be larger bodies - Comd considers
 air strafing.

1105 Air Force notified that outposts are in occupation TAUPOTA

1105 Road E of No 3 Strip impassable to vehs except FWD's

1145 patrol reports no enemy seen as far as Bamboos.

1156 61 Bn have Jap Mortar and pistol at their HQ.

1200 Comd orders 25 Bn to send further patrol to locate and destroy
 Tanks - remove armament and engines if possible otherw ise
 render unserviceable - watch for booby trap in Tanks.

1210 No patrols to go past KB until further orders - trying to restore tele-
 phone comm to KB.

1240 Unable to repair fwd telephone line on account of large shell ~~fire~~ *delete*
 fire break - 61 Bn request more wire - this is on its way.

1310 No news of Tanks yet - 61 Bn to move through along road B coy 61 Bn
 moved via KILABO vicinity GAMA River - Comd orders B Coy not to
 advance beyond KB.

1325 TUFI reports 3 U/I planes flying S - air alert - All clear 1345.

1350 Comd recalls B coy 61 Bn patrol to return from KB - boat being sent
 to collect fighting patrols.

1357 Comd to FORCE. - 61 Bn has Jap's papers and photos.

1555 Launch has not yet reported and fwd patrols have not received
 recalling message.

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 7 Aust Inf Bde

30 Aug	1600	61 Bn sending another boat to warn OC B coy to return by road - spend night at RABI.	
	1615	Telephone line now through to KB.	
	1620	Jap parachute found S coast passed to R.A.A.F.	
	1625	2 P40's attacking 2 Jap barges met lt A/A opposition.	
	1700	2/10 tps have been in hills reported Bde HQ - 80 personnel.	
	1715	FOO at KB reports that Japs are eating out Bully Beef and Biscuits.	
	1720	25 Bn instructed to reel back cable from KB to GAMA River with returning patrol - 25 Bn have found our 2 lost A/Tk Guns in fwd area - no report yet of destruction of Tanks.	
	1730	Sitrep No 12	
	1812	25 Bn report on Tanks - engines damaged - tracks below guards damaged - guns dismantled - some AP shells - a couple of others were explosive shells - following our vehs beyond FDL's - 2 Bren carriers beyond RABI - 1 blown up by mine 1 six tonner DUALA Ck damaged 1 A/Tk Portee few hundred yds in front FDL's this gun has been partly dismantled.	Appx 81.
	1813	All fighting patrols and demolition parties now within FDL's.	
	1813	61 Bn patrol saw 2 dead Japs in hut $\frac{1}{4}$ mile E of KB - Possible OP - Only 4 Japs seen in all patrol activities.	
31 Aug.	0030	Sitrep No 19	
	0528	61 Bn report all quiet.	Appx 82.
	0530	Night 30/31 - Japs in strength repeatedly attacked our posns on No 3 Strip - 25 and 61 Bna inflicted by casualties - No Japs advanced beyond E edge of No 3 Strip - Japs withdrew at first light, leaving snipers - Fire plan Map see appx	
	0532	Arty will fire towards GAMA River.	Appx 83.
	0550	Comd instructed tps to flank patrol to avoid confusion with each other.	
	0557	Comd to 61 Bn - Patrols will move as far as they can towards GAMA River - work from DUALA Ck - work down POIN Ck and use fwd patrols.	
	0625	Comd to 2/23 Bn - Patrol of 61 Bn received slight resistance near POIN Ck we have placed some Arty fire with intention to catch the Jap as he withdraws.	

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Major

31 Aug 0855 Lieut HOLLOWAY A coy 9 Bn to report at Bde HQ to see Bde Comd.
0830 Lt-Col MELDRUM to Bde Comd.- Attack on his front last night
was along track W of POIN ~~ER~~ leading in direction STEPHENS HOUSE
- enemy estimated at approx 1 coy fired a white flare which
a heard to be a call for supporting Mortar fire on 61 Bn locality
which was being engaged - enemy fired a flare in direction of
61 Bn Bren gun sec - this flare burned for some time - in the light
of this our sec was engaged by enemy and knocked out - enemy
endeavoured to press on towards STEPHENS HOUSE but was held -
shortly afterwards a bugle blew and hostile activity ceased -
first light patrol showed foot prints of enemy that indicated
his retirement - a small flag was captured - identifications
show same badges as in previous actions - this infm was given
to leading Coy 2/12 Bn before leaving FDL's

0857 61 Bn consider it likely that Jap is killing his own wounded -
revolver shots and cries heard in bush.

0907 25 Bn ^{reports} leading tps 2/12 Bn crossed start line at No 3 Strip -
moving through our firm base there without supporting fire.

0908 2/12 Bn were engaged by Jap snipers in trees immediately after
their advance began.

0938 25 Bn engaged snipers in trees on E of No 3 Strip.

0946 Rifle fire heard towards coast - explosions heard probably Jap
field piece.

1110 Enemy shelling from posn 1000 yds 135° from BILOBULOLO OP
as 2/12 advance - our OP has been withdrawn so Jap posn can be
shelled by our Arty.

1115 Warning Order to 25 Bn - be prepared to move in rear 2/12 Bn
when ordered by this HQ e secure road from enemy watching tracks e
coming down from North.

1130 25 Bn given authority to open road across drome at 1130 hrs
for amn, supply and salvaging of vehs and eqpt - salvage party
are watching for booby traps - Reports of Jap lying amongst their
own dead and sniping our parties after they had passed - it is
necessary to mop up completely and examine all dead - Jap dead are Marines.

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31 Aug	contd	hy eqpt, some automatics apparently knocked out last night.	
	1140	Air raid No 4.	
	1220	61 Bn patrol going out to collect 2 wounded men.	Appx 84.
	1250	61 Bn report very little progress on front - 5 Jap tents in hills E of KB and slightly N - 4 guides will be required this afternoon to lead parties to KB.	7
	1250	Jap tps are reported to be carrying respirators.	
	132 5	Comd to Lt Col MELDRUM - re-organisation of defs as Japs may now know gun posns etc.	
	1340	Comd orders 61 Bn to send out our patrol to investigate report Jap field piece posn near BILOBULOLO OP	
	1355	C coy 9 Bn move immediately A coy move to junc routes 5,6 and 12 and coy Comds report to CO 25 Bn for orders.	
	1405	Request to FORCE for sufficient barbed wire to erect 600 yds single apron for strengthening defs	
	1427	Details given to our fwd units for destruction of weapons abandoned by Japs - our minefields have been interfered with - Comd does not wish fwd mines to be defined by wire - 25 Bn to wire beach from clearing at end of strip tp PONTOON Wharf.	
	1440	To 9 Bn - move immediately D coy to junc routes 5,6, and 12 and report CO 25 Bn - B coy move immediately to junc routes 1 and 3 relieve A coy 9 Bn .	
	1445	Wire available for fwd units.	
	1503	2/12 Bn reached GAMA River - 2 coys remained RABI & Bn less 2 coys continued to KB camp.	
		2 Coys/allotted role of holding road in rear of 2/12 Bn . A coy 9 Bn at MOTIEAU (between KB and RABI) C coy less 1 Pl at RABI (still occupied by 2 coys 2/12 Bn) 1 Pl C coy at DUALA Ck (between RABI and No 3 Strip).	
	1540	25 Bn salvaging Jap field piece found 200 yds E of Drome.	
	1615	Jap prisoner brought in - pilot from crashed ZERO - found South shore of MILNE BAY.	

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31 Aug	1714	Sounds of Mortar fire heard near RABI.	
	1930	Sitrep No 13	
	2021	9 Bn nothing to report.	Appx 86.
	2030	25 Bn bring in Jap map and captured eqpt.	
	2140	C coy 9 Bn at RABI - party of about 300 Japs came into RABI about an hour ago - believed shot up by our tps - G.O.C. enquires if our coys fully understood their task - possible that Japs came over from N coast.	Appx 87
	2220	Line comm to fwd elements has been cut/	
	2255	Patrol of 25 Bn reports by engagement E of RABI at 2137 hrs.	
	2315	Jap using light Mortars firing towards W - C coy 9 Bn in posn on time.	
1 Sep.	0300	Mortar fire heard direction of RABI - Comd wants patrol fwd from 25 Bn at first light to contact C coy 9 Bn - try to get line fixed.	
	0300	25 Bn report 2 Jap field pieces have been brought in .	
	0335	More MG and Mortar fire in fwd areas.	
	0429	24 Fd Coy will get necessary inf protection when going fwd on demolition of Jap eqpt.	
	0430	Jap has consistently fired 2 red flares prior to opening of Mortar fire - considered to be his CDF signal.	
	0437	More Mortar firing in fwd areas.	
	0445	Comd to 25 Bn - Infm important now; push out patrols to C coy 9 Bn as soon as possible - patrol left at 0345 to endeavour to re-establish comm with C coy 9 Bn. BM gives details of Jap Map - advises to watch moves from North.	
	0515	Mortar fire again heard from RABI area.	
	0530	In view of Jap use of red flares for CDF Air support signals will be changed as from 1200 hrs today - a white and red will indicate posn out tps and that enemy is 200 yds in front - additional red for each 200 yds.	
	0530	night 31 Aug/1 Sep - At dusk a formed body of 300 Japs approached RABI from W (having probably hidden in foothills after unsuccessful attack on drome) RABI posn was attacked throughout night from 3 directions in turn - All attacks were beaten off - Jap casualties about 60 killed-	

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1 Sep contd. Our casualties 1 killed . A coy 9 Bn at MOTUIUA was also
 attacked by small parties during night.

0615 25 Bn re-established line to RABI at 0550 hrs - line ^ccut near No 3
 Strip and near RABI - no contact yet own tps No 3 Strip with
 our tps E of RABI - only Jap dead along road.

0615 18 Bde L.O. reports 2/12 Bn had quiet night at KB

0717 Sigs fixing line to RABI report seeing Jap patrol enter RABI village
 from BILOBULOLO track.

0720 A and C coys 9 Bn under comd 25 Bn continue present role
 securing road incl KILABO to incl RABI A coy excl RABI excl KB

0800 At 0750 25 Bn sig lying doggo at RABI reports MG and Mortar fire
 fwd of GAMA River No activity between RABI and No 3 Strip - 25 Bn
 not yet in contact with C coy 9 Bn .

0840 Health of our tps necessitates quick burial of Jap dead - working parties
 sent fwd.

0852 Arrangements made for burial parties.

0855 Recce infm to 31 Aug.

Appx 88.

J. Mahoney Major
 Bde. Major, 7 Aust. Inf. Bde.

LOCATION STATEMENT.

APPX I

0900 hrs Aug 1.42

H.Q. 7 AVST INF BDE. FN CBU. MILNE FORCE.	027 007
2/3 FD REGT	025 005
4 Bty 101 MTH.	022 007
24 FD Coy	036 995
9 BN.	973 992
25 BN.	004 011
61 BN	045 015
11 FD AMTB.	026 983
2/6 HY A/A	025 004
2/9 HY A/A.	021 002
76 Sqn R.A.A.F.	996 003
RAAF SIGS	019 005
37 RADIO STATION	983 992
55 BN. I.Ph.	BAL 999.
N.Q.F. SIGS.	006 026
161 CA. A/A.	022 005
46 ENGRS	983 993
PORT DETAILS	025 003
75 Sqn	025 982

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1 Augt. 42

HQ. Port Det. FALL RIVER

Subject: Report of ship arrivals, tonnage, tps, hrs unloading

To. HQ
MILNEFORCE

In compliance with request of the Bde. Comd. the following report is submitted:

Ship.	Cargo Tonnage	Tps.	Hrs unloading
SS TASMAN	500	443 officers & crew	16
SS BONTEKOE	600	none	26
SS SWARTENHOUT	1500	891 officers & crew	42
SS JAPARRA	2500	36 crew	42
SS HANYANG	1200	20 + 198	42
SS MAMUTU	150	none	9
SS BONTEKOE	175	none	15
SS ANHILU	550	421 officers & crew	17
SS KARSIK	80 (lighter)	16 RAAF 10 Papuan Police	9 1/2
SS MATAFELE	200	2	10
SS BANTAM (still unloading)		58	

By Command of Maj. Miller

Frank D. Morgan
Major AED
Adjutant.

W. J. Murray

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H.Q. MILNEFORCE
1 Aug 43.

SIGNAL INSTRUCTION No.1

1. LINE COMMUNICATIONS

It is noticed that cable in the area is being laid indiscriminately. Lines must be laid securely and at sufficient height at crossings to allow passage of vehicles. If laid on ground then "tie backs" will be at ground level.

Main thoroughfares and dispersal bays at landing strip will be avoided as these will be possible targets for bombing. Cable will need to be tread or buried where tracked vehicles may operate.

All units with lines laid will submit to H.Q. a route plan. Force H.Q. will be notified of any alterations

Owing to number of lines of same type being laid strict attention will have to be paid to labelling. Lines will be labelled at following places:-

- (a) Both sides of crossings.
- (b) Corners
- (c) Terminal points
- (d) Every 500^{ft} on straight runs.

Units will be allotted types on application to
Sig Offr, Force H.Q.

2. USE OF LAMPS SDSR

Units using lamps for signalling will notify this H.Q. whenever using or when a change in location of permanent lights occurs.

3. OFFICIAL TIME

Official time will be passed from this H.Q. to all army units at 1200 hrs daily. This will be E.S.T.

4. FRANKING OF PRIORITY MESSAGES AND PRIORITY PHONE CALLS

List of officers so authorised will be promulgated. This must be followed unless officer concerned considers that the message originated deserves that franking. Should this occur then he will notify this H.Q. of his action.

Abuse of priority prefixes results in needless delay of urgent messages.

Packets and messages for which there is not immediate urgency will be marked DEFERRED.

5. DESPATCH OF MESSAGES TO MORESBY FOR DELIVERY OR RETRANSMISSION

The following procedure will be adopted with the exception of R.A.A.F.

Two copies will be forwarded to Force Sig Office located at Force H.Q. and will be passed by them to N.G.F. Sigs.

R.A.A.F. will pass direct to station and the present system will be employed.

IN messages will be treated in the same way I.E. Army direct to Signal Office for delivery and R.A.A.F. direct to their Signals for deciphering.

6. PACKETS FOR DESPATCH TO PORT MORESBY BY "SAFEHAND" OR OTHERWISE

These packets will be delivered to Force Signal Office by 1500 hrs daily for despatch by first available means. R.A.A.F. will enclose all postal matter in separate bag which will be enclosed in force bag. Delivery will be made to units by D.R.L.S. of incoming correspondence.

W. J. Murray
Signal Officer

I file

H.Q.
MILNE FORCE,
1 Aug 42.

Lt.-Col H.D. Morgan ✓
Lt.-Col E.S. Miles ✓
Lt- Col A. Meldrum ✓

Copied to Comd 18 Bde 14 Aug. jam

"LIGHTNING FORCES"

In connection with the development of operations from this area it is possible that Units may be called upon to move detachments to forward localities in S.E. New Guinea with the object of securing them for development as aircraft landing strips. Such detachments would later be followed by supporting groups moving relatively slowly and taking longer to become established as components of the defence system in these localities.

2. The initial detachments may be transported by:-
- (a) Troop carrying aircraft (flying boats or land planes)
 - (b) Ketches and small coastal craft.

In both cases the necessary air escort and cover would be arranged.

3. A characteristic of all Japanese operations is the speed with which detachments are thrown ashore. It is necessary for us not only to equal this speed but to improve on it by every means in our power. A few determined men aided by air forces have the power of achieving striking results in a short space of time particularly if areas are defended only by enemy air forces operating from distant points. The rapid establishment of advanced landing grounds enables the enemy to be progressively forced back and renders his own bases untenable.

4. The most important ingredient for success in any operation of initial detachments of the type envisaged lies in scaling down weight of equipment and personal gear to the absolute minimum. Men cannot disembark quickly from aircraft or ships if they are impeded by a weight of material. With operations of this type it is not possible to keep transport aircraft and ships waiting at destinations for any leisurely process of unloading. For this reason I have designated such detachments as "LIGHTNING FORCES" since they will be characterized by their ability to move and strike with the greatest speed.

5. I desire C.Os to consider the problem of supplying detachments of this type if called upon to do so. They should particularly consider;

- (a) Minimum equipment and personal accessories needed by all ranks.
- (b) The particular sub unit of their Bns best suited to this type of operation.
- (c) Reduction of cooking gear needed by a Coy.
- (d) Minimum number of tools and type of tools most desirable.
- (e) Amn scale and supporting arms from Bn. sub units.

It must be assumed that such a detachment would take no tentage but improvise shelter from native materials, have no M.T. in the area of their objective, live on hard tack for a fortnight or three weeks and all be physically robust and imbued with the spirit to make a complete success of their task.

John Field
Brig.
Comd. Milne Force.

1 AUG 42.MILNE FORCE ADM INSTN No 2TO OFFRS. COMD ALL UNITS AND DETS

GENERAL THIS INSTN WILL BE READ TO ALL TROOPS BEFORE
DISEMBARKATION.

SECURITY.

2 SUCCESS OF THIS EXPEDITION AND THE
SAFE PASSAGE OF THE MEN STILL TO COME REQUIRES
ABSOLUTE SECRECY. THEREFORE NO ATTEMPT MUST BE MADE TO
SEND LETTERS BACK. THE SEA VOYAGE AND THE DESTINATION MUST
NOT BE DESCRIBED IN LETTERS. AT A LATER DATE MEN WILL BE
TOLD WHAT THEY MAY WRITE.

SPEED

3 TO ESCAPE AIR DETECTION AND ATTACK, SHIPS
MUST BE UNLOADED AND TURNED AROUND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
ALL RANKS MUST WORK AT TOP PRESSURE TO ACHIEVE THIS.

4 HEALTH IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT STRICTEST
PRECAUTIONS BE TAKEN AGAINST MALARIA. AFTER DARK, TROOPS
ON DUTY MUST WEAR LONG TROUSERS AND LONG SLEEVED SHIRTS
AND USE ANTI-MOSQUITO CREAM ON HANDS AND FACE EVERY
TWO HOURS. TROOPS NOT ON DUTY MUST GET UNDER MOSQUITO
NETS AND REMAIN THERE UNTIL LIGHT.

5 THE GROUND IN THIS AREA IS INFECTED WITH HOOKWORMS
AND RINGWORM THEREFORE TROOPS MUST NOT GO BAREFOOTED AND
FLOORS OF ALL SLEEPING AND LIVING QUARTERS AND TENTS MUST
BE RAISED OFF THE GROUND.

6 CONCEALMENT AND DISPERSAL: FROM THE OUTSET STRICT ATTENTION
MUST BE PAID TO TRACK DISCIPLINE AND CONCEALMENT AND
DISPERSAL. NOTHING MUST BE GIVEN AWAY TO ENEMY AIR
OBSERVATION OR ATTACK.

Sqd J. C. MAHONEY. MAJ

HQ MILNE FORCE.

MALARIA. BY FAR THE MOST SERIOUS MENACE TO THE TROOPS. EACH CASE OFF DUTY FOR MONTHS. HERE EXISTS A SHORTAGE OF DRUGS TO TREAT IT. ONLY THE STRICTEST DISCIPLINE AND CARE CAN PREVENT HIGH CASUALTIES FROM THIS DISEASE

CAUSES THE ANOPHELES MOSQUITO BITES FIRST AN INFECTED PERSON, THEN AN UNINFECTED ONE, WHO CONTRACTS THE DISEASE ANOPHELES BITES ONLY AT NIGHT

FORMS OF MALARIA GENERALLY RECEIVING ATTACKS OF FEVER EVERY 3-4 DAYS. IT OFTEN TAKES OTHER FORMS. E.G. VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA TYPES AND CEREBRAL TYPES WITH HEADACHE, VOMITING, UNCONSCIOUSNESS. AGUE OR VIOLENT SHIVERING ATTACKS WITH BLUENESS OF LIPS AND FINGERS ARE VERY TYPICAL.

PREVENTION

A. PATIENTS WITH MALARIA MUST BE STRICTLY MOSQUITO PROOFED.

B. BREEDING GROUNDS OF MOSQUITOS. E.G. STAGNANT POOLS MUST BE CONTROLLED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE

C. THE MAIN PREVENTION CONSISTS IN PREVENTING HEALTHY TROOPS BEING

AT SUNDOWN. (1) TROOPS ON DUTY. SLACKS AND LONG SLEEVES MUST BE WORN. ANTI-MOSQUITO CREAM MUST BE APPLIED TO FACE AND HANDS EVERY TWO DAYS

(II) TROOPS NOT ON DUTY: MUST GET UNDER THEIR BIVOUAC MOSQUITO NETS AND STAY THERE UNTIL LIGHT. HOURLY PICQUETS ARE NECESSARY TO HAVE THIS CARRIED OUT NETS MUST BE KEPT IN REPAIR AND TREATED WITH CARE.

INFECTED SORES. ARE A PATENT SOURCE OF CASUALTIES. EVERY CUT, SCRATCH OR ABRASION MUST BE PROMPTLY TREATED. IODINE CAN BE USED BUT MERCURY OINTMENT IS BETTER. SORES ARE COMMONEST IN INFANTRY ARTILLERY AND ENGINEERS. ONCE THE ABRASION IS INFECTED OTHER SORES WILL BREAK OUT SPONTANEOUSLY AND THE CONDITION IS DIFFICULT TO TREAT

DIARRHOEA. DYSENTRY. INTESTINAL WORMS. IN ALL THESE INFECTED FAECES COMES IN CONTACT WITH HUMAN FOOD GENERALLY BY MEANS OF FLIES OR DRINKING WATER
PREVENTION. I. DEEP TRENCH LATRINES CAN AND MUST BE IMPROVED. II. REFUSE AND RUBBISH MUST BE BURNED AND BURIED. III. FOOD MUST BE FLYPROOF IN KITCHEN AND MESS TENT. IV. ALL FOOD FROM NATIVE SOURCES MUST BE COOKED. OR SOAKED FOR 10 MINS IN CUNDY'S FLUID

Ips should wash hands before eating.

VI All Water must be boiled or chlorinated.

VII All Cases of diarrhoea must report sick immediately. Early cases can be cured.

Tinea and Lice

Ips should be taught to inspect themselves weekly for Tinea of the toes and groin and for lice.

Tinea.

Between the toes such as redder skin and in between the legs as red and often moist patches of skin.

Lice

Adults seen in pubic hairs as insects; eggs are seen around even waxy drops of hairs. They are easily cured when reported, but spread rapidly through Ips if not eradicated early. No lice no typhus fever.

Sandfly Fever.

Occurs in epidemics due to bites of sand flies. It is a fever of short duration which keeps Ips off duty for a week, sometimes for months. Prevention Flies only bite at night, so nets will protect. In addition sleeping ground must be sprayed with disinfectant solution once a week, as flies live in ground. Spray must be fine.

Care of Feet: Any care taken here amply repaid.

Essence of foot care is well fitting boots. In addition:

- 1 Wash in Condy's bath after every march
- 2 Blisters, bunions and corns treated while not giving trouble
- 3 Socks frequently washed and kept repaired.

note In present area men must in no circumstances go barefooted. Men's sleeping and living accommodation must be raised off ground.

(Sgd) J J RYAN Maj
117d Amb

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MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 1 Aug 42

"G"

98. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	1 Aug	to	1800	2 Aug	Serial No	3
"	"	2	to	"	3	"	18
"	"	3	to	"	4	"	5
"	"	4	to	"	5	"	19

99. CARTRIDGES .303 A.P. AND TRACER

(a) Twelve (12) magazines per L.M.G. mounted for A/A def will be loaded in the proportion of 1 tracer, 2 A.P. and 2 ball in each 5 rounds.

(b) Units will submit demands through S.C. FORCE H.Q. for sups of A.P. and tracer.

100. SMALL ARMS PRACTICES

Units will make recce for suitable rifle ranges in their own areas and submit proposals for improvized ranges to B.M.G.O. Force H.Q.

101. DISTRIBUTION LIST 'A'

Add to List 'A'

Copy No	47	123 F.O.D.	A.A.O.C.
"	48	A.D.C.S.	

J. Mahoney
Major

"A & Q"

102. PETROL Units will cease filling vehicles at Petrol Store near Factory and will indent daily for unit requirements on A.A.S.C.

103. LINES TELEPHONE

Insufficient care is being taken with telephone lines laid beside roads. Trees to which lines are attached should not be cut down.

104. ADDITIONAL CHURCH PARADES Sun 2 Aug 42.

Church Of England.

The Senior Chaplain New Guinea Forces, Bishop Strong will conduct services of Holy Communion as follows -

H.Q. area	9 Bn	...	0700 hrs
"	25 Bn	...	0800 hrs

The Senior Chaplain will visit the areas of various units of the Force during the day and desires to meet as many of the Officers and Men as circumstances allow.

Att. Krebs
Lieut.
Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

approx Aug

To all units list B

From FALL RIVER

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SITREP	No 13	to	1200	K/1
.	KOKODA	our	reinfmts	arriving
this	area	31	Jul	.
AMBASI	enemy	tps	reported	at
MANBA	mission	28	Jul	en
route	AMBASI	.	GONA	bombed
by	2	CATALINAS	1	MARAUDER
night	27/28	Jul	.	our
rece	plane	this	area	morning
30	Jul	ineffectively	attacked	by
10	fighters	.	SALAMAUA	1300
K/29	100	JAPS	crossed	FRANCISCO
R	moved	towards	LOKANU	.
NEW	BRITAIN	1800	K/30	5
direct	hits	on	med	tpt
between	NEW	BRITAIN	and	GONA
.	A A	fire	from	3
destroyers	silenced	by	2 3	.
1050	K/31	1	med	tpt
1	warship	1	launch	seen
on	Southerly	course	in	WIDE
BAY	.	RABAUL	23	Jul
2	merchant	vessels	2	possible
destroyers	approaching	from	North	.
in	harbour	1	it	cruiser
10	merchant	vessels	10	P/Bs
.	PORP	NORSEBY	raid	No 74
single	A/C	probably	F/B	bombs
in	sea	near	KILA	and
between	3	mile	and	7
mile	.	TOWNSVILLE	raid	No 3
CO23	K/28	1	type	87
KAWANISI	F/B	mix	bombs	off
MAGNETIC	ISLAND	interception	4	fighters
several	hits	P/B	losing	height
.	MACKAY	unconfirmed	report	F/E
near	SCARFELL	ISLAND	air	search
negative	.	DARWIN	raid	No 24
2	individual	runs	over	town
slight	damage	.	another	formation
over	KNOCKLEYS	LAGOON	12	ms
from	DARWIN	no	damage	.
WEST	AUST	enemy	submarine	seen
by	A/C	50	ms	South
ALBANY	.	EAST	INDIES	report
dated	27	Jul	number	JAPS
landed	from	large	motor	boats
IIWAKI	so	WETA	ISLAND	.
KOEPANG	3	HUDSONS	bombed	aerodrome
from	18000	ft	some	bombs

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en	runways		INDIAN	OORAH
units	further	indications	enemy	navel
	Western	see	X W	area
	SAMARAI	.	reported	JAP
rescue	plane	25	Jul	fleet
low	over	SARIBA	ISLAND	near
SAMARAI	where	vessel	KATONA	on
slip	.	twin	engine	single
tail	dark	colour	.	possibly
type	27	MITSUBISHI	by	bomber
army	air	service		

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NOT WT

C. M. Turley Lieut 1950 hrs.

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MILNEFORCE

ENGINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 2 Aug 42

"G"

105. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. N 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	2	Aug	to	1800	3	Aug	Serial No	18
"	"	"	"	to	"	4	"	"	5
"	"	"	"	to	"	5	"	"	19
"	"	"	"	to	"	6	"	"	10

106. CONCEALMENT AND CAMFLG

(a) All units must give immediate attention to MILNEFORCE Op Order No 2 dated 30 Jul and take the action required by it.

(b) All white or brown tents must be camflg at once.

(c) Care must be taken that posns are not given away by washing strung on a clothes line.

107. PASSIVE AIR DEF - NATIVE LABOUR

(a) Much native labour is being used by this Force. The morale of the natives during and after the first air raid will very largely depend upon the care taken of them by white men.

(b) Units employing N/L must see that enough slit trenches are prepared for the natives and that on the AIR RAID RED the natives are calmly led to them.

(c) The calmness and care of ops for their N/L will very largely decide whether natives remain or leave when bombs fall. This requires planning and preparation NOW.

J. Mahoney
Major

"A & Q"

108. CENSORSHIP

A perusal of recent Field Censors' reports makes it abundantly clear that Franking Officers and holders of censor stamps have NOT studied A.F.C.I. No 22 or are lax in the performance of their duties. The following are breaches frequently noticed:-

- Failure to frank letters as well as envelopes.
- Letters incorrectly headed by writers.
- Franking Officer blacked out censorable matter with lead pencil.
- Rank shown after signature.
- Omitted to excise censorable matter from letter.
- Initials of Franking Officer only shown.

The attention of all officers will be drawn to this matter.

F. W. Merritt Capt.
Staff Capt

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICE: Pte. Kather, Bde H.Q. reports the loss of a canteen belt left in atrine on 31 Jul 42. Reward to finder on return.

APPX 9 Aug

To all units list "B"

From FALL RIVER

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SIT. NO 14 to 1200 hrs K/2 . 1. KANGA patrol informed by
by natives enemy in vicinity YALUM . PIB offr reports 263 JAPS
landed RATUN K/29 and camped between village and KUMUSI R.
air recce showed NIL enemy activity KOKODA . Several huts
burnt along track KOKODA AWALA and no apparent attempt
reconstruct WAIROPE BR . 2 . MORESBY RAID 77 bombs dropped
7 mile drone between 0220 and 0300 K/1 . NIL damage or
casualties . TUF1 reported many planes heard heading north
to south at 1037 hrs K/2 believed to be enemy . MORESBY RAID
78 1105 K/2 no further infm . 3 . ANGAU personnel withdrew
IOMA after destroying station K/31 . 4 . Allied A/C attached
1 cruiser 1 tpt 1 destroyer steaming south 60 miles NE of
Cape WARD HUNT 1617 hrs K/1 no hits observed .

NOT WT

(Sed) . J.H. SOMERVILLE CAPT

1220 hrs

REGGE REPORT.

copy 10

on

TRACK RUNNING UP DRY CREEK BED -MATUIUA-TAUPOTA

by L.P. Bauer - 61 Bn.

On 2 Aug 42.

Ref Map: PAPUA - Part of Eastern Div.; Weather Fine Visibility: Good

PART I.

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The track, which is a path-way blazed by natives, runs in a northerly direction along a dry ck bed, through steep gorges, and finally rising to a height of approx 3500 ft. Then proceeds along sheer razorback ridges which make it rather treacherous going. It therefore takes a certain amount of skill and endurance to cross it. The total distance is estimated beyond 10 and 12 miles. Time taken to reach Taupota - 8/9 hrs.
2. LIKELY OPS. There is one suitable O.P. for observation over grassy ridges towards TAUPOTA and GOODENOUGH BAY, at a spot where the tk emerges on a grassy knoll marked 'A' on att sketch.
3. TKS LEADING OFF: A track leads off before reaching this OP and goes into the valley via native gardens to rejoin TAUPOTA at (C) at (B) tk leads up ck to native gardens via the valley.
4. OTHER ROUTES FROM NORTH SHORE MILNE BAY - TAUPOTA:
At present there are 4 known routes from MILNE BAY -TAUPOTA:
(i) Tk shown in red on sketch
(ii) Tk from ANGLICAN MISSION -GILI GILI
(iii) (iii)Tk 6 miles West ANGLICAN MISSION - GILI GILI
(iv) Tk from ANIOMA - PUNI PUNI which is approx 6 miles EAST TAUPOTA.

PART II

1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Commencing from North shore MILNE BAY, track runs bearing 52°. After 5 mins walk bears North. Another 15 mins and tk emerges on to a running ck. For approx 1 hr tk follows ck - bearing 47° - and going is easy. Ck then changes to bearing 327° and rate of fall along this stretch is very high. This ck at this point is approx 80/90 yds wide with precipitous sides. After proceeding for another 2 hrs it was noticed that the width from bank to bank was lessening and at this point approx 25 yds across.
Tk at this point leaves the ck bed and goes up a steep ledge then returns to the ck bed which is at the bottom of a very narrow gorge.
After another half hr the tk once more leaves the ck bed and proceeds along the left bank for about 10 mins when a native ladder is reached. This ladder is in the ck bed on the East bank.
After climbing the ladder tk follows up a steep rocky ledge and after 10 mins walk reaches a fork in the ck. The EASTERLY bed is followed on a bearing of 7°. Though this part of the ck is dry the WEST arm commences with a waterfall. Tk proceeds for another 10 mins walk when waterfall is observed ahead. Approx 300% from this fall tk leaves ck bed and goes up an almost perpendicular climb. It takes at least 1/2 hr to ascend to the summit. Allowing for necessary rests it takes 4 hrs to reach this point.
Tk winds for the next 1/2 hrs through sub-jungle over moss-covered roots where the tk mentioned in para 3 part I leads off at a bearing of 297°. 10 mins further on brings one out at a point (a) grassy knoll which is suitable OP.
From here the descent is much steeper, in places almost perpendicular, and after 10 mins emerges from the sub-jungle on to a grass covered razorback ridge. At places it goes down sheer drops and in many places the razorback is less than 12" wide.
An hour after passing this grassy knoll, tk leaves the razorback in a westerly direction. After descending for approx

500 ft tk bears North again along another razorback.

At (C) there is tk at 297°.

This razorback is equally dangerous and great care must be taken while crossing it.

1 hr travel along this razorback and another almost perpendicular slope is reached, (B) - tk to ck then from ck tk to native gardens.

Ck is now followed for approx 1 hr when tk leaves ck and after passing through tall blade grass comes on to a village-URIVA where the natives have built a rest home. 1 mile further on and the Mission is reached.

2. GENERAL REMARKS: As the path leads over slippery rocks, sheer cliffs and razorback ridges, caution must be the watchword and every foothold tested before putting full weight on it.

Only means of getting Bren across would be to strip the gun and reassemble at destination. This would obviate any damage being caused to the gun if it were attempted to carry it assembled, besides being the most comfortable method of carrying.

3. Ops

From the suggested OP CAPE VOGEL can be seen as well as the islands. So on a clear day, any shipping in GOOPENOUGH BAY would be observed.

The surrounding mountains, which are visible, are all grass covered and offer good prospects for observation.

From the OP to URIVA bearing is 2° - to EXCELLENT PT.33

4. POSSIBLE SOURCES FOR MATERIAL FOR REPAIRING.

Along dry ck bed and for over 1 mile after the running water is encountered, there are small stones and gravel in plenty which suggests suitable material for preparing and repairing rds.

5. WEATHER CONDITIONS: Wet weather would affect the task considerably in so much as to make it more dangerous. The rocks would be even more slippery as would be the steep rises along the razorbacks.

In the event of really heavy rain and the cks rising the tk would be impassable.

HQ MILNEFORCE
8 AUG 42.SUBJECT: PER. TO MAN A/A GUNS.

L.H.R.

Copy to AADC, MILNEFORCE.

" " C Bty 104 C.A. A/A Bn.

C Bty 104 C.A. A/A Bn., U.S. ARMY has come

under comd. MILNEFORCE on arrival this area.

2. This bty is eqptd with 8 BOFORS guns 12.50 cal.
3. Its strength is 50 ftrs and 168 OR'S (plus 5 detached) I am infnd that normally a bty this strength would man either 8 automatics guns of BOFORS type or 12.50 cal. The Aust. establishment for a 4-gun BOFORS tp is 20 ftrs and 80 OR'S (incl drs, cooks and adm personnel)
4. O.C. C Bty is confident that the bty can man its complete armament. It is felt, however, that continuous manning of all guns simultaneously during operations will require a stronger complement.
5. All of these guns are required for A/A def of the drone now in use and the second whose construction has begun.
6. It is recommended therefore that the question of providing more tps for this duty be referred to the authority concerned.

(SGD) JOHN FIELD BAIG.

COMD. MILNEFORCE.

at psc 12
Aug

To Q, port comd, R.A.A.F. O.B., 2/6 hy A.A. Bty, A.A.S.C., A.A.O.C.,
A.D.C.S.

FROM FALL RIVER

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summary	of	cargo	in	SWARTENHONDT
.	A.D.C.S.	1186	pkgs	canteen
supps	.	A.A.S.C.	5022	pkgs
rations	.	R.A.A.F.	2376	pkgs
eqpt	and	supps	.	2/6
hy	A.A.	bty	4	guns
.	units	7	inf	bde
265	cases	amm	and	gren
guns	.	quantity	eqpt	and
supps	.	16	M/Cs	26
trucks	1	watercart	1	trailer

NOT WT

J. Mahoney Maj

1030 K/3

To: 9 Bn, 25 Bn, 61 Bn Det 55 Bn ^{Aug. approx 13} rptd. RAAF O.B.

From FALL RIVER.

0527

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Officers only
1. MUST SECRET
2. further to 0517 1/8 warning order
3. one relief of det 55 Bn will be carried out by 1200 K/4 as follows
4. A Coy GABAEABUNA and HAGITA rubber and WAIGANI factory by 9 Bn
5. 14 PL HAGITA and MG-PL MISSION by 9 Bn
6. 13 PL PUNTOON WHARF and 15 PL MOTUJUA by 61 Bn
7. point of junc. on foreshore. EILIEILI getting incl
8. 9 Bn
9. two all fire plan maps sketches and intell. infm. will be handed over to relieving units
10. three Kit inspection will be held and biv. areas cleaned by outgoing unit before relief
11. four Det 55 Bn will be concentrated MISSION staging camp by 1800 K/4
12. five separate adm. inst. being issued for move
13. ACK

NOT WIT

SED J C MAHONEY

1200 K/4

22/1/43

Ser No 22/42

MILNEFORCE R.O. Part 1 by Brigadier John FIELD.

3 Aug 42

"C"

109 Password (Ref SM, M4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	3 Aug	to	1800	4 Aug.	Ser. no. 5
"	"	"	4	"	"	" " 19
"	"	"	5	"	"	" " 10
"	"	"	6	"	"	" " 16

110 P.A.D. - slit trenches

(a) Units will push ahead the work of digging slit trenches so that there are enough, close to their work, for all personnel and for all native labour.

(b) Units will hold practice alarms so that each man knows his allotted slit and can move to it quickly and calmly.

(c) Failure to dig enough slit trenches now will cause unnecessary casualties when air attacks begin.

111 Telephones - Priority Calls

(a) Delay in the telephone service has been caused by unauthorised persons demanding Priority Calls.

(b) Priority calls must be restricted to matters of an urgent operational kind. To demand a priority call unnecessarily is to defeat the object of the system.

(c) The following are authorised to demand priority telephone calls:-

- Force Comd (Brig. J. FIELD)
- Bde. Major (Maj. J. E. MAHONEY)
- Staff Capt (Capt G. H. SOMERVILLE)
- Harb. Master (Lieut. Comd. C. J. STEPHENSON)
- Port. Comd (Maj. L. V. MILLER)
- Sen. RAAF Offr. (Sgt. Capt. THOMAS - or successor)
- RAAF Operations Room.
- AADC (Maj. A. E. MARRETT)
- Gun ops. Room.
- Force HQ Sigs
- NEF Sigs
- RAAF Sigs

} for working of signal services

(d) to report sighting of hostile A/C ships or Tps any offr may make use of PRIORITY Call.

(sgd) J. C. MAHONEY Maj.

"A" x "Q"

112 Steel Helmets

Personnel will wear steel helmets during Air Alerts. It should be noted that apart from enemy projectiles, danger exists from air dropped and spent projectiles from our own weapons fired at hostile aircraft.

All working parties and Tps, in occupn. of def. posts, gun sites and HQ areas will immediately wear their steel helmets on the approach of hostile aircraft.

113 Floating Refuse

Floating refuse such as empty bottles and timber will NOT be thrown into the Harbour. Serious damage may be inflicted on flying boats and sea planes when taking off and alighting if the hulls strike even small solid objects.

(continued over)

Cases have been reported of broken glass and bottles having been thrown into the shallow water near BONGON and GILI GILI wharves. Natives engaged in handling petrol drums have had their feet cut due to this thoughtless practice.

114 Intoxicating Liquor and Natives

Under the laws of Aust. New Guinea, it is an offence for anyone to give intoxicating liquor of any description to any N.E. native or half-caste to drink or be in possession of any intoxicating liquor.

Any Native or half-caste who is convicted of drinking or being in possession of intoxicating liquor will be sentenced to the maximum imprisonment.

This above is to be brought to the notice of all Ips.

115 Cargo per "MATAFELE"

The following cargo which was unloaded from above steamer cannot be located:

addsd	D.O. WAIGANI	2 c/s	Sundines
"	Sig. Royal.	1 H/Pkg.	"
"	Lieut Ross	1	" "
"	W/O Stanton	1	" "
"	Coleman FALL RIVER	1	" "
"	ADO MAPAMOIWA	1 case	"

Units and depots will carry out a check of stores and advise this HQ if any of missing packages are found

Dist list "A"

(sgd) J H SOMERVILLE
Staff Capt.

Appx 15
17

SECRET

S. B. SWARTENHOEDT

Order of disembarkation

(Number of per apprex only)

Order	Unit	Offrs	O.Rs	Total	Destination
1	H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde	5	35	40	Force H.Q. Biv Area
2	" " " " " Def Pl	-	13	13	do
3	'J' Sec Sigs	-	22	22	do
4	241 L.A.D.	1	14	15	do
5	7 Bde Pro Sec	-	8	8	do
6	7 Bde F.P.G.	-	2	2	do
7	2/6 hy A.A. Bty	1	26	27	Unit Biv Area
8	75 Sqn R.A.A.F.	1	40	41	Unit Biv Area
9	25 Aust Inf Bde Bde	-	18	18	Unit Biv Area
10	11 Aust Fd Amb	8	94	99	M.D.S. Waigani
11	9 Aust Inf Bn.	7	215	222	Unit Biv Area
12	61 Aust Inf Bn.	18	442	460	Unit Biv Area

DISTRIBUTION

- Copy No 1 Harbour master
- 2 Fort Comd
- 3 S.C.
- 4 T.O. (Lieut CARSON)
- 5 L.O. (Lieut HENDERSON)
- 6 C.C. Tps (by hand of L.O.)
- 7 Def Pl
- 8 Sig Offr
- 9 2/6 hy A.A. Bty
- 10 75 Sqn R.A.A.F.
- 11 9 Aust Inf Bn
- 12 25 Aust Inf Bn.
- 13 61 Aust Inf Bn.
- 14 11 Aust Fd Amb.
- 15 Pro.
- 16 File
- 17 War Diary

J.C. Mahoney Maj

ap/px 16

All units list 'B'

FALL RIVER O 529 3

SITREP No 25 to 1200 K/3

KOKODA JAP ground activity KOKODA

aerodrome 1/8 JAP dump at

OIVI another party 30 JAPS

went towards YODDA 12 mis NW

KOKODA 1/8 apparently to get produce

native gardens 0930 K/2 allied

fighters bombed and strafed KOKODA

direct hit DOs house slight

A/A GONA 1/8 JAP fighters

possibly based near GONA attacked allied

A/C this area 4 probably

5 JAP A/C destroyed incl one

twinengined type

NOT WT

C M Turbayne Lieut

1230 hrs

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

To all units list 'B'

No 4

(Based on infm received up to 1200 hrs 3 Aug)

SECTION A - OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE1. Enemy Dispositions

Nil

2. Enemy Ground Activity

KOKODA A JAP patrol was seen moving towards YODDA 15 mls NW KOKODA at 1100 hrs 30 Jul.

Air recce showed no enemy activity on 31 Jul. Enemy have made no apparent attempt to reconstruct WAIROPE br. On 1 Aug there was JAP ground activity at KOKODA aerodrome. A party of 30 Japs went towards YODDA 12 mls NW apparently to get produce from native gardens.

SALAMAUA 100 Japs crossed FRANCISCO RIVER apparently heading LODANU at 1300 hrs on 29 Jul.

3. Enemy Air Action

Sightings Enemy planes:

SARIBA: One plane flying North probably type 97 MITSUBISHI 29 Jul.

HOOD PT: Plane circled 1508 to 1528 1 Aug.

MORESBY raid 75 1900 to 2030 29 Jul. Three type 96 dropped G.P. and incendiaries. No damage or casualties. Raid 76 0245 hrs to 0330 30 Jul. Three probable serial 37 bombed SEVEN MILE drome area. No damage or casualties. Raid 77 bombs dropped SEVEN MILE drome between 0220 and 0300 1 Aug. No damage or casualties.

TOWNSVILLE raid 3 0023 29 Jul by one type 97. One KAWANISI F/B. Six bombs off MAGNETIC ISLAND. 4 our fighters interdepreted. Several hits. F/B losing height.

RABAU 1205 hrs 28 Jul seven F/Bs and three fighters at LAKUNAI. Two bomber at VUNAKANAU.

Ten zeros attacked on B 17 near GONA 0835 to 1010 30 Jul. Two Zeros destroyed, two AAF gunners wounded. Six zeros reported to be now based at KUKUM SOLOMON ISLANDS.

GONA 1 Aug JAP fighters possibly based near GONA attacked allied a/c this area. 4 probably 5 JAP a/c destroyed, incl one twinengined type.

4. Enemy Sig Activity

NIL

5. Enemy Naval

Two tpts and three destroyers with fighter protection attacked by A.A.F. off GONA 1600 to 1700 29 Aug. Direct hit claimed one destroyer or tpt.

At 1800 30 Jul between GONA and NEW BRITAIN one medium tpt hit five times and set on fire. Destroyers' A.A. silenced by M.G.

Four allied a/c attacked one cruiser, one tpt, one destroyer, steaming South 60 mls N.E. CAPE WARD HUNT 1617 1 Aug. No hits observed.

RABAU 1055 29 Jul. Two cruisers two destroyers, one large, five medium, nine smaller tpts and about twenty launches in harbour plus trwaler patrolling entrance.

DAVIENG 1010 29 Jul. Five warships one large barge moored 30 mls WSW of harbour.

LAE O.P. reported six eighty foot vessels in harbour on 29 Jul.

WEST AUST. Enemy submarine seen by a/c 50 mls South ALBANY.

6. Enemy Sae of Gas

Ref summary 3, suspected gas bomb captured at MUBO proved to be HE fragmentation type.

patrols moving inland from GONA follow behind a screen of native carriers. Persuasion of native guides in attack was reported in one instance to be achieved with the point of the bayonet. -2-

7. Enemy ODB details

(f) Equipment. JAPS in KOKODA area have steel helmet fitting under chin with green veil in front. Uniform contains sweater.

SECTION B - ENEMY TECHNICAL AND ADM INTELLIGENCE

8. Works NIL

9. Rear Organisation

(d) Supplies. Supply dump at OIVI

SECTION C - GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

10. Enemy Policy and Methods

(c) Methods used in attack. It is reported that advancing enemy patrols moving inland from GONA follow behind a screen of native carriers. Persuasion of native guides in attack was reported in one instance to be achieved with the point of the bayonet.

11. Enemy Policy in Technical Matters

NIL

12. Enemy Methods of Deception

In KOKODA area JAPANESE sniped our offrs and N.C.Os and called questions to them by name. Scouts work in threes and can remain standing motionless for periods of an hour, their green uniform adding to inconspicuousness.

13. Enemy Security Intelligence

NIL

14. Captured War Material

NIL

NOT WT

Cm Turbayne

Lieut

1630

hrs.

Serial No 23/12 ^{apline 18}

Copy No 39

MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by
BAGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 4 Aug 42

"G"

116. PASSWORD (Ref S.I. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	4 Aug	to	1800	5 Aug	Serial No	19
"	"	5 "	to	"	6 "	"	10
"	"	6 "	to	"	7 "	"	16
"	"	7 "	to	"	8 "	"	14

J. Mahoney Major

"A & Q"

117. WATER POINT

- (a) Increasingly heavy demands for chlorinated water are being made on the water point at the ford over KALOHI CR near HAGITA HOUSE.
- (b) Only water needed for drinking or cooking will be drawn from this source. This water must not be used for washing.
- (c) Units with molinite water carts or with suitable tanks or trailers should chlorinate their own water supply.

118. TRAFFIC CONTROL, AERODROME

Ruts which are dangerous to A/C have been caused by vehs driving on the crowned surface of the runway beside the steel matting, and between the drainage ditches. Vehs, incl R.A.A.F. service vehs, must NOT run on this crowned surface except in cases of urgent necessity.

119. PETROL MOTOR FOR POWER SHOVEL

Coy E 46 Engrs has received a petrol power shovel for use in aerodrome construction. This machine is urgently needed but cannot be put into service because a small grey-painted petrol motor is missing from among the parts. Some of the pieces of this machine are marked with a large "T" in red paint. All units will make at once a thorough search of their stores and biv areas for this missing motor. If found, it will be reported immediately to this H.Q. It must be impressed on all ranks that the lack of this motor delays vitally important work.

J. A. Newell Capt
Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List

appx 19

FALL RIVER RAID 1

1240 - 1400 Aug 4.

4 Gap Fighters straffed no 1 strip - intercepted
6 our A/c. - one ZERO considered damaged -
one one A/c burned on ground - two A/c
minor damage in combat. - AA engaged
without success - nil casualties.

appx 20

SECRET

Copy No 40
4 Aug 42

MILNEFORCE OP. INSTN No. 3

INFM

1. Ref Signal A 2343 of 1 Aug 42. Det of 55 Aust Inf Bn and att tps will be relieved from MILNE BAY area.
2. Under Comd O.C. det 55 Aust Inf Bn from 1400 hrs 4 Aug 42.

	<u>Offrs</u>	<u>O.Rs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Det 55 Aust Inf Bn	10	269	279
N.G.F. A.A.S.C.	-	2	2
" A.A.O.C. (and Pet det)	2	16	18
" Canteen	-	1	1
" Postal	-	2	2
" Winch det	-	8	8

	12	298	310

INTENTION

2. Det of 55 Aust Inf Bn and att tps will move by sea to PORT MORESBY on 5 Aug 42.

METHOD

3. Personnel and Stores will be moved to Point of embarkation by M.T.
4. Dets of 55 Aust Inf Bn will be relieved by Units of MILNEFORCE as laid down in Signal 0527 of 3 Aug 42.

ADM

5. GROUPING FOR MOV'T Det of 55 Aust Inf Bn will move to MISSION staging camp by 1800 hrs K/4. Attached sub-units will remain in present area until ordered to move by O.C. Tps.

6. SHIP'S STAFF O.C. tps (Capt. I.T.G. Richards) will appoint a ship's staff consisting of Ship(s) Adj't, Ship's Q.M., S.M. and O.R.S. who will report to ship at time and place to be ordered by O.C. Tps.

7. AMN Units will move with 1st line amn complete.

8. RATIONS Unconsumed portion of day's rations and 3 days' reserve rations will be carried by all personnel.

9. STORES 30 tons of units stores will be shipped by det 55 Aust Inf Bn. All stores will be boxed, crated or tied in bundles.

10. M.T. REQUIREMENTS O.C. Tps will notify S.C. MILNEFORCE by 2000 hrs K/4 the number of vehs required to transport pers and stores to ship. Place and time to report will be notified later.

11. ROLLS Nominal roll will be made out in triplicate. One copy will be handed to S.C. MILNEFORCE.

12. MARKING OF STORES Designation of unit, name of ship or destination will NOT be marked on stores. They will be marked with serial no. of Unit.

13. PERSONAL GEAR Personal gear will accompany all tps on move to ship.

14. POINT OF EMBARKATION Pontoon Wharf.

15. TIME OF EMBARKATION Will be advised later.

17. DRESS FOR MOVE

Dress for move will be battle order, steel helmets carried. If move before 1400 hrs K/5, short sleeve shirts and shorts will be worn. If after 1400 hrs K/5 long sleeves shirts and trousers K.D. will be worn.

18. A/A PROTECTION

As arranged by O.C. Tps with Captain of ship.

ACK

Signed at 1400 hrs.

Issued through Sigs.

S.C. Milneforce
S.C. MILNEFORCE Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

M.A. Milneforce

ap/pc 21

To all units list 'A'

From FALL RIVER

0534

4

units	will	engage	all	hostile
a/c	within	range	whether	recce
fighter	or	bomber	planes	.
care	must	be	taken	NOT
to	embarrass	our	own	fighter
planes	engaged	in	interception	.
units	will	take	immediate	action
to	comply	with	RO	99
regarding	AP	and	tracer	

NOT WT

J. Mahoney
Major

1715

K/4

Apr 22

TO LHQ Mptd N G.F.
FROM FALL RIVER

I 176

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Sitrep. No 1 to 1800 hrs K4 @ FALL RIVER RAID NO 1 @
1240 to 1400 K/4 All Clear @ Four zeros made three
ground strafing attacks on strip @ Intercepted by six our
fighters @ One zero considered damaged @ One our A/c
burned on ground @ Two A/c minor damage in combat @ Nil
casualties @ A/A engaged raiders @ Nil hits @ One B17
made three runs over strip approx 0840 K4 @ rear gunner
opened fire on P45's doing security patrol @ no advice received
this force B17 intended photograph strip.

NOT W/T

Sqd E.M. TURBAYNE Lieut

2350 K/4

To all units list "B."
FROM FALL RIVER.

I 177 5.

SITREP. No 16 to 1800 hrs K/4 One One FALL RIVER raid
 No 1 One 1240 to 1400 K/4 all clear One 1216 PORLUCK HARBOUR.
 reported three A/c heading S.E. very high. Four heroes made three
 ground strafing attacks on strip. Intercepted by 6 our
 fighters. One hero considered damaged. One our A/c
 burned on ground. Two A/c minor damage in combat. Nil
 casualties. A/A engaged raiders, nil hits. Two
 KOKODA. Our light patrol encountered strong enemy
 patrol K/2 forward our FDL's. Enemy retreated in
 disorder 9 killed. Our casualties nil. SALAMAUA
 reports 50 more men still FRANCISCO mouth. 1310 K/3 Three
 AAF destroyed house OIVI reported used as JAPANESE supply
 dumps also other houses near OIVI and KOKODA. JAP. dummy
 periscope recovered from sea off. NSW Coast examination
 reveals bamboo pole 9 feet long 3 inches wide tapering
 to approx 2 inches at top. Weight at bottom adjusted
 so that 2 feet 6 inches visible above water. Mirror
 attached to top.

NOT WIT

Sgt) E.M. TURBAYNE Lieut 0815

(Copy) Secret M 36

HQ

MILNEFORCE

5 Aug 42

Subject: Messages Concerning Movement of Shipping

- 1 ANEAM
- 2 I.O
- 3 Staff
- 4 Sigs
- 5 Cipher
- 6-7 Files

Following received from C.S.O, NEF.

* Following message procedure will be strictly adhered to. Messages concerning the movt. of shipping will at all times be passed in Naval Codes and added to Navy. It is essential that all ships sighted be reported immediately. Army code will NOT be used for this purpose.

Messages for ANEAM and NEF HQ will be so added.

and be in Army Code

Ack.

(sgd) Alan J. HARLEN Lieut
Signal Offr.

Appx 25

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MILNEFORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 5 Aug 42

"G"

120. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	5	Aug	to	1800	6	Aug	Serial No	10
"	"	"	6	to	"	7	"	"	16
"	"	"	7	to	"	8	"	"	14
"	"	"	8	to	"	9	"	"	7

121. SECURITY OF INFM - CORRESPONDENCE

R.O. 79 of 28 Jul is to be rptd in all unit orders and read to all ranks.

122. CRASHED AIRCRAFT AND OBJECTS DROPPED FROM A/C

(a) Attention of all units is called to MILNEFORCE INTELL INSTN No 1 dated 31 Jul. This will be read and explained to all ranks. It is of great importance that verified reports of crashed a/c should be sent by quickest means to R.A.A.F. Ops Room and to this H.Q. Posn of O.P. and bearing and distance of crash from O.P. must be given. During an air action units will refrain from overloading telephones to R.A.A.F. Ops Room with unverified reports.

(b) Objects dropped from a/c - (e.g. belly tanks) may give valuable infm. (a JAP belly tank recovered by an inf bn in this area gave important infm which the R.A.A.F. was eager to get). Units in whose areas they fall must place them under guard and report them immediately to R.A.A.F. Ops Room and to this H.Q. The objects must be delivered INTACT to R.A.A.F. Ops Room. Nothing must be removed. Dangerous objects (e.g. unexploded bombs) must NOT be moved.

J.B. Mahoney Major

"A & Q"

123. FLYING BOATS

Units occupying localities on the waterfront are warned that our flying boats may land in the bay in the early morning or even during darkness. Their landing may be preceded and followed by movt of R.A.A.F. launches. While vigilant watch on all harbour movt must NOT be relaxed, units will take care not to fire on friendly F/Bs or launches.

124. AMN

(a) All units will render weekly as at 1200 hrs each Saturday amn state in the following form:-

WEEKLY AMN STATE

.....UNIT
.....DATE

Type of Amn	Expended since last weekly state	Quantity now held	Remarks

(b) Over

(b) All units will render as at 1200 hrs daily report of amn expended during preceding 24 hrs. NIL returns are not required.

125. CASUALTIES

Casualties from enemy action must be immediately reported to this H.Q.

126. DENTAL

Dental Service is now available daily at the U.S. Army Station Hospital, WAIGANI Plantation, under comd Lieut. N.C. Glass, for pers of U.S. Armed Forces, starting at 0900 hrs daily.

Facilities are only available for extractions and relief of pain. No plate work.

Units will arrange own tpt.

127. TOBACCO TINS

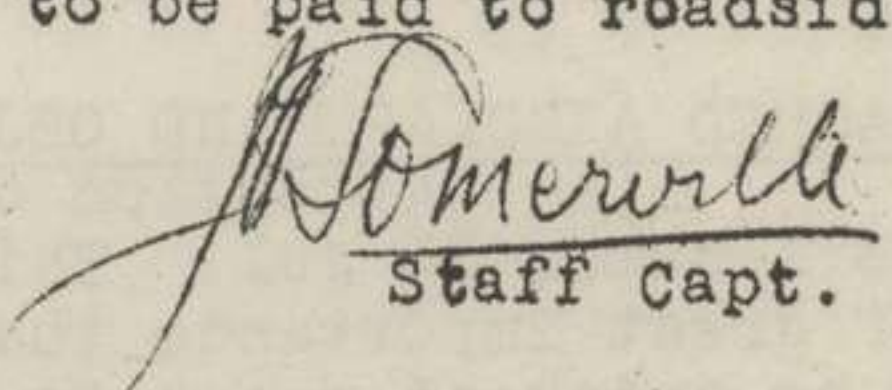
S.M.O. requires 6000 2 oz tobacco tins. Units will arrange to collect these tins and deposit with Lieut. CARSON T.O. FACTORY.

128. LANDING MATS

Due to widening of Drome Strip every available section of Steel Mat is required.

Units are requested to make a search of their areas and to collect and deliver to Stockade at No. 1 Strip all such sections found.

Particular attention is to be paid to roadsides and vicinity of Factory and dumps.

 Capt.
Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICES FOUND One serge S.D. and pair of braces. Owner may have same by applying to this H.Q.

FOUND One brown leather tobacco pouch with small gold plate on front flap, containing tobacco and papers. Owner may have same by applying to this H.Q.

SUBJECT: PATROLS AND DETACHMENTS

L.H. [unclear]

LAND OPS. BRISBANE

Copy to M.G.F.

Ref land ops NO 20 of 3rd Aug received 2100 hrs 4 Aug the attached patrol map NO 1 shows patrol activity completed and in progress at the time of receipt of the message. Reports on these are being summarized and will be forwarded shortly. This activity was the subject of my 0537 of 5 Aug.

2. Patrolling zones have been allotted to the Inf Bns of M'FORCE with a view to covering tracks and areas indicated in the enclosed sketch map. This work is being regularly carried out with a view of safeguarding all approaches against enemy recon parties and in order to accustom troops to moving and living in the jungle and mountains.

3. A pl or 25 Bn which was sent to DOGURA MISSION at WEDAU is due to return here on 3 Aug and the pl comd has been instructed to furnish a full report on the landing ground and environs referred to in my (M12 of 27 July - Emergency landing ground and runway sites in S.E. New Guinea.) It is intended to organise a suitable detachment for this locality immediately this infn. is to hand. Meanwhile a pl is being sent over land to TAUPOTA from which point it will carry out patrols along the N. Coast in this vicinity. This pl will have use of emergency use of the teleradio installation in the area for inter-comm and will be supplied by coastal A/c.

4. Tracks over STIRLING Range are difficult to negotiate and most of them pass in some part of the length over razor back spurs which in places are not more than one or two feet in width. Any deviation from the track is not possible. All tracks are being reconnoitred with a view to determining the most practicable

(Sqd) JOHN FIELD Brig
Comd. MILNE FORCE

6 Aug 42.

FALL RIVERINTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 5

(Based on infm received up to 1800 hrs 5 Aug)

To all Units List 'B'

SECTION A OPERATIONS INTELLIGENCE1. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS

GONA AREA: No 7 P I B offr reports 263 Japs with 4 armed NEW GUINEA natives landed KATUNA 29 Jul and are camped between KATUNA village and KAMUSI River.

KOKODA Area: Natives captured at MUBO report 2 guards house established KEILA with 13 men each on 2 Aug.

SALAMAUA reports 50 more men sited FRANCISCO mouth at 1310 hrs on 3 Aug.

2. ENEMY GROUND ACTIVITY

KOKODA Area: Parties previously reported proceeding YODDA possibly foraging. On 2 Aug KOKODA was bombed and strafed by allied fighters. Direct hit on D.C.'s house. Slight A.A. encountered. Our light patrol encountered strong enemy patrol on 2 Aug forward our F.D.L's. Enemy retreated in disorder nine killed. Our casualties nil.

SALAMAUA Area: Natives reported to KANGA patrol were or are in vicinity YALUM. 2 A.A. guns reported at MACDONALD'S store in SALAMAUA, 1 in pit the other mounted to fire horizontal and high angle. On 4 Aug KANGA reported that Japanese were treating with suspicion a 6000ton derelict cargo ship which drifted on to reefs at SALAMAUA.

3. ENEMY AIR ACTION

- (b) ATTACKS Zeros attacked our recce aircraft over ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL at 1045 hrs on 31 Jul. On 1 Aug 5 Zeros and 1 twin engined aircraft possibly based at SANANATA attacked B 17's and escorting B 26's in that area. Our losses 1 B 17 and 2 P 40's missing.

FALL RIVER raid No 1 from 1240 to 1400 4 Aug. Four Zeros made three ground strafing attacks on ship. Six our fighters intercepted and probably damaged one Zero. One of our aircraft was burned on ground, while two were slightly damaged in combat. Nil casualties. A.A. engaged raid. Sitrep 16 nil hits incorrect. Now two hits reported. One Zero possibly crashed in STIRLING RA.

- (c) SIGHTINGS Six bombers and sixteen fighters observed LAKUNAI.

4. ENEMY SIG ACTIVITY

Nil.

5. ENEMY NAVAL

RABAU 31 Jul six medium cargo ships, five U.I. vessels one probable landing craft carrier.

ST GEORGE'S CHANNEL One large U.I. vessel seen 1040 31 Jul.

KAVIENG 31 Jul one cruiser one ~~sp~~ anchored five miles S.W. of harbour. Two cruisere one large passenger ship proceeding N.W. towards KAVIENG about 50 miles away.

Small vessel sighted near KOLOMBAGARA ISLAND in SOLOMONS at 1215 31 Jul.

One medium tpt, one warship, one launch seen on Southerly course in WIDE BAY at 1050 hrs on 31 Jul.

Convoy previously attacked by our aircraft at 1617 on 1 Aug not located during extensive air recce 2 Aug.

500/1000 ton ship off LONU 2 Aug. 20/25000 ton liner sighted near RABAU 1200 1 Aug.

6. ENEMY USE OF GAS

Nil.

7. ENEMY ODB DETAILS

- (f) EQUIPMENT: MAROUBRA reports enemy green uniforms which match background both night and day, with steel helmets and very little equipment.

SECTION B - ENEMY TECHNICAL & ADM INT.

8. WORKS

Nil.

9. REAR ORGANIZATION

Natives report NAKAMURA previous resident RABAU O.C. native labour and contracts, SALAMAUA.

Same natives report location of C.O's, M.O's quarters, Amn stores and M.G. positions.

- (d) SUPPLY DUMPS (ref Summ No 4)

A.A.F. destroyed house at OIVI, KOKODA Area, reported used as Japanese supply dump also other houses near OIVI and KOKODA.

SECTION C - GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

10. ENEMY POLICY AND METHODS

- (b) Methods used in attack: MAROUBRA reports scouts come forward to draw fire and on contact immediately commence pincer encircling movement. During encirclement enemy is very quiet, but on pressing home attack he employs all noise possible by shouting and firing with everything he has. Lip whistles and single rifle shots are used when flank is in position.
- (g) ENGINEERS Natives report KIETA heavily fortified.
- (1) DEVICES FOR ATTACKING MORALE.

Japanese dummy periscope (Ref para 12)

11. ENEMY POLICY IN TECHNICAL MATTERS

Nil.

12. ENEMY METHODS OF DECEPTION

Japanese dummy periscope recovered from sea off N.S.W. coast reveals on examination to be a bamboo pole 8 feet long, 3 ins wide tapering to approx 2 ins at top. Weight at bottom is adjusted so that approx 2 feet 6 ins are visible above water. A mirror is attached to top.

13 (a) ENEMY SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

Natives of NGASAPUMUM and GABSONKEK villages are becoming reluctant to contact KANGA patrols, and former village is considered likely to report KANGA movements to enemy.

(b) OUR SECURITY INTELLIGENCE

Press and radio divulgence of further place names in connection with MAROUBRA operation may seriously prejudice security our forces.

(M Turbayne Lieut.

Signed at 1020 hrs.

Staff

appendix

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Serial No 25/42

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MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 6 Aug 42

"G"

129 PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 of 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	6 Aug	to	1800	7 Aug	Serial No	16
"	"	"	7 "	to	"	8 "	" " 14
"	"	"	8 "	to	"	9 "	" " 7
"	"	"	9 "	to	"	10 "	" " 15

130 A/A PRACTICE

(a) If weather is suitable for observation, four (4) guns of 2/6 hy A/A Bty will each fire eight (8) rounds from foreshore in Northerly direction (towards STIRLING RANGE) between 1600 and 1700 hrs 6 Aug.

(b) All tps and A/C will be warned.

(c) 2/6 hy A/A Bty will stop practice if friendly planes enter danger area.

"A & Q"

J. Mahoney Major

NIL

R. Somerville Capt.
Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

JCM

appx 29

To all units List 'B'

From FALL RIVER

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SITREP No 17 to 1800 K/6 .

EAST INDIES . BANDA SEA . K/1-2

. Hudsons on recce sighted 1 cruiser

2 destroyers 1 F/B off BANDA IS. .

1 cruiser approx 100 miles SE course

280° . 1 probable hit 1 near

miss on cruiser . near misses claimed

in further attacks on cruisers 3 destroyers

. 3 Fortresses shot down 1 zero

. KAVIENG . 1 tpt 1 cruiser

in harbour , 1 tpt 2 cruisers

42 miles SE KAVIENG . SOLOMONS .

GUADACANAL Catalinas bombed KAIKUM scoring possible hits

large ship hits stores dumps . TULAGI

. catalina bombed TULAGI night K/29 .

4 Kawanisi F/Bs TULAGI 7 at GAVUTIV

. MAILLITA landings small parties JAPANESE reported

NW coast K/3C . CAIRNS single enemy

a/c dropped 1 bomb near MOSSMAN 0300

K/31 JAPANESE reported in occupation YODDA and

IOMA K/4 . AMBASI reported JAPANESE launch

with searchlight patrols nearby coast . FALL RIVER

air raid red 1550 K/6 all clear

1650 K/6

NOT WT

M Turbayne Lieut 1806 hrs

0/pbx 30.

(Copy) SECRET M 39.

HQ
MILNE FORCE

7 Aug 42

Subject: A.A. Def at Dock.

9 Bn
25 "
61 "

From 8 Aug 42, 2600 hrs, responsibility for Lt. A.A. Def of Dock area will be as follows.

M.M.G.'s 25 Bn will supply 2 M.M.G. with A.A. mountings, 3 men per gun and one N.C.O. to be mounted on ~~the~~ ^{the} boat.

LMG 9 x 61 Bns will supply 2 LMG and 3 men per gun plus one N.C.O. per unit, to be mounted in dock area as arranged by B.M.E.O. Units will not change men daily, but may change weekly.

Guns will be manned at all times when boats are docked and will stand to at 0530 hrs. Sets will camp in vicinity of posts.

All A.A. M.M.E.'s will comply with instructions for tracer and A.P. amm. (ref. MILNE FORCE R.O. 77 of 1 Aug 42)

Working parties at dock will continue as previously instructed to provide their own A.A. protection.

(sgd) J. C. MAHONEY Maj.
MILNE FORCE

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MILNEFORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 7 Aug 42

"G"

131. PASSWORD (Ref S M M 4 of 20 JUL)

Period from	1800	7	Aug	to	1800	8	Aug	Serial No	14
"	"	"	8	"	"	9	"	"	7
"	"	"	9	"	"	10	"	"	15
"	"	"	10	"	"	11	"	"	9

132. A/A PRACTICE Ref R.O. No 130.

This practice will be fired at the same time on 7 Aug.

133. DISTRIBUTION LISTS

- (a) Add to List 'A' and List 'B'
8 Fighter Control Sqn.
- (b) Delete from Lists 'A' and 'B'
det 55 Aust Inf Bn

134. RIFLE RANGES FOR MUSKETRY PRACTICES

(a) 61 Aust Inf Bn will prepare Rifle Range in the area already approved by B.M.G.O. to 500^x and notify this H.Q. when completed.

(b) 25 and 9 Aust Inf Bns will submit report on possibility of 500^x ranges in their respective areas by 8 Aug 42.

(c) Sub-units are advised that a 200^x range is available for testing and zeroing weapons etc in reentrant approx 1100^x N. of Force H.Q. actual bearing 23°T from No.1 Cottage. Firing will be carried out into foothills on bearing of approx 5°T.

(d) Targets will be supplied by units concerned. Units or sub-units, until other target arrangements have been made, will apply for range 48 hrs prior to time required, for publication in Force R.O.s as safety precautions. Force Musketry Instruction will be issued shortly after receipt of reports as per para (a) and (b) above.

135. RIFLE RANGE ALLOTMENT

All units and Sub-units are advised that sub-unit 200^x Rifle Range North of Force H.Q. is allotted to 2/9 Aust Lt. A/A Bty for Musketry Practices on 8, 9, & 10 Aug 42, from 0900 hrs to 1600 hrs daily. Rifles and L.M.Gs will be fired.

2/9 Aust Lt A/A Bty is responsible for safety and will provide red flags and safety picquets.

Natives and patrols will not be allowed in danger areas on dates and times laid down above.

136. AIR RAID SIREN

"A & Q"

An Air Raid Siren is being installed at FACTORY. For the purpose of testing and adjusting the "AIR RAID RED" will be sounded from 1200 hrs K/7 to 1205 hrs. The "ALL CLEAR" will be sounded from 1205 to 1210 hrs. THIS WILL BE THE ONLY TEST CALL MADE.

Signals will be explained to all tps:-

- AIR RAID RED: Intermittent rising and falling note.
- GREEN : Continuous note. (ALL CLEAR).

J.B. Mahoney
Major

137. MEDICAL

(a) All empty tins which have contained food must be incinerated, then either be buried or flattened out. Open tins are ideal places for the breeding of mosquitos.

(b) Units will advise this H.Q. of any shortage of mosquito nets.

(c) Malaria Control discipline in certain units is lax, more particularly with regard to wearing of slacks and long sleeved shirts after sundown. Units will see that provisions of Med. Instn No. 2 are carried out.

(d) Ref Force R.O. No. 28. All patrols are to carry sufficient quinine to ensure that every man has his daily dose during the time the patrol is away from its unit.

138. M.T. The attention of all units is directed to this H.Q. R.O. 76 (v).

No vehicle is to pass GILI GILI Wharf to PONTOON Wharf or remain in PONTOON area unless in possession of a pass issued by Force T.O. (Lieut Carson).

139. CHURCH PARADES

Church Parades on Sun. 9 Aug will be as under:-

R.C.

Mass will be celebrated at the following times:-

25 Bn H.Q. area	...	0815 hrs
61 Bn H.Q. area	...	1000 hrs
9 Bn H.Q. area	...	1130 hrs

Romerille
Staff Capt. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICES FOUND One watch on road Western end of drome. Held at H.Q. 25 Aust Inf Bn. Owner may have same on identification of ownership.

LOST Vicinity aerodrome, one .38 revolver No. 793846, Holster Belt and Amn Pouch. Finder please return to this H.Q.

One tarpaulin has been removed from Bofors Amn Dump just off Eastern end of drome. Tarpaulin is approx 18' x 12' and is marked 9AA and is to be returned to this H.Q.

JCM

7 Aug 42.

MILNEFORCE OP INSTN No 3 A
PATROLS

M40

To Comds. 9 Aust Inf Bn.
25 Aust Inf Bn.
61 Aust Inf Bn.

Ref MAPS : EASTERN DIV, PAPUA, sheet 1 - 4 mls to 1 in.
Sketch att.

INFM.

1. (a) JAP discovery of this base by air recce may be followed by ground recce or attacks by patrols.

(b) These may be carried out by patrols using tracks from BUNA or by parties landed from the sea on the North coast of S.E. NEW GUINEA.

(c) JAP action against MILNEFORCE may include attempts to instal spotting stas in the hills overlooking MILNE BAY. Per for these stas may move overland or be put ashore from small craft or flying boats.

(d) In their operations in other parts of NEW GUINEA JAPS have used native guides and may be expected to do so here.

2. 61 Bn is establishing standing patrol of Pl strength at TAUPOTA.

INTENTION

3. MILNEFORCE will prevent by active patrolling JAP penetration of S.E. NEW GUINEA.

METHOD

4. Zones for Patrols

(a) Zones for patrols are allotted as follows :-

- | | | | |
|-----|--|-------------------|----------|
| I | EAST CAPE - GILI GILI - TAUPOTA | All incl : 61 Bn. | |
| II | excl GILI GILI excl BALAGA - incl WEDAU - excl TAUPOTA | | } 25 Bn. |
| III | excl GILI GILI - incl GABAGABUNA - incl MULLINS HARBOUR - incl AIGORA - incl BALAGA. | | |
| | (see sketch att) | | } 9 Bn. |

(b) The following overland approaches to MILNE BAY must be closely watched.

- (i) by 61 Bn: tracks through and over STIRLING RANGE between EAST CAPE and incl TAUPOTA
- (ii) by 25 Bn: tracks leading from North coast between excl TAUPOTA and incl WEDAU (DOGURA MISSION)
- (iii) by 9 Bn : tracks through AIGORA and from direction of MULLINS HARBOUR.

5. Recce Patrols

(a) Within these zones units will carry out constant and active recce to learn all tracks, accustom men to mountains and jungle, choose places for ambush, and give warning of JAP attempts to penetrate into this area.

(b) Reports of all patrols will be sent to this H.Q. by quickest means.

(c) There are many more tracks than are shown on ref map and sketch. None must be neglected and none must be regarded as too difficult for JAPS.

6. Standing patrols

(a) Units will maintain by day and night standing patrols of not less than sec strength at nodal points where important tracks join.

(b) These points will be prepared for def and will act also as report centres for checking recce patrols out and in.

(c) They must be provided with means of intercomm to coy H.Q. by line or cyclist orderly.

7. Fighting Patrols

(a) Units will send out weekly two pls on 7 day patrols.

(b) These patrols should follow a circular route over the most important tracks within the unit zone. Patrols should traverse the route in opposite directions, meeting on the third or fourth day to exchange infm.

8. Eqpt of patrols

(a) Patrols must be lightly equipped but must carry all essential weapons and amn (incl grenades), tents mosquito net and ground sheets.

(b) Units will experiment in carrying bren gun stripped over difficult mountain tracks. Tree spike must always be taken with bren gun.

(c) If it is impracticable to carry bren guns over a particular track, at least two T.S.M.Gs per sec will be carried.

9. Security

Units will ensure that patrols carry no letters or papers identifying the unit and that name of unit is obliterated from all pay books.

10. Guides

Where necessary, native guides will be obtained through A.N.G.A.U.

11. Sups

For long distance patrols units will arrange to dump sups at turning pt for return trip.

12. Medical.

S.Bs and medical kit will accompany all patrols of more than sec strength.

13. Intercomm.

(a) Teleradio set is being reestablished at TAUPOTA. In cases of EMERGENCY ONLY, messages may be passed through this.

(b) I.O. MILNEFORCE will provide units with reporting code for use with teleradio sets.

ACK.

Signed at 1620 hrs.

Issued by L.Os.

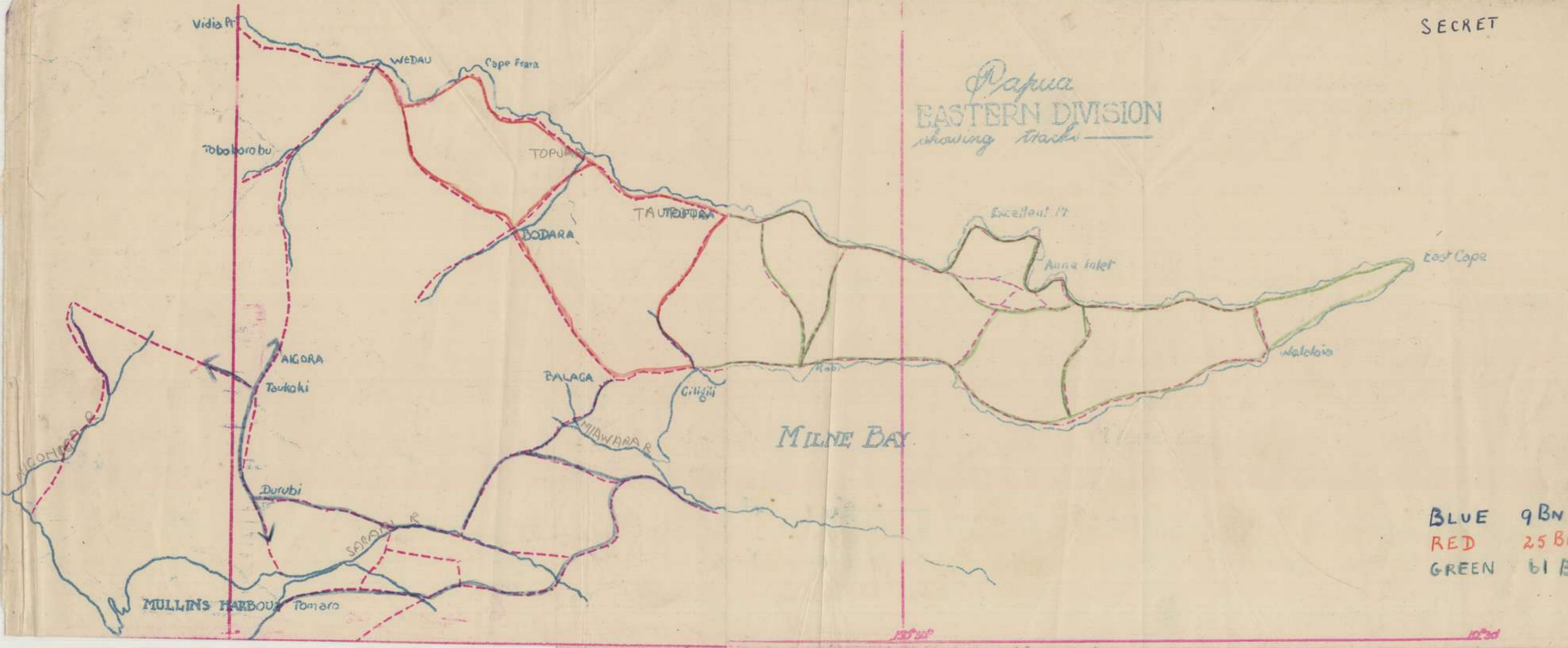
J.B. Mahoney Maj
H.Q. MILNEFORCE.

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- 4 Comd
- 5 S.C.
- 6 I.O.
- 7 Staff
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- 9 A.N.G.A.U.
- 10 L.H.Q.
- 11 N.G.F.
- 12 - 13 War Diary
- 14 - 15 File.

SECRET

Papua
EASTERN DIVISION
showing tracks



17

on
FINDING OF ENEMY (Zero) ON STIRLING RANGE

by personnel of
 25 Aust Inf Bn.

Plane shot down on Tuesday 4 Aug 42

A patrol of 25 Aust Inf Bn. left bivouac area NORTH of MILNE BAY Landing Strip at 0830 hrs on 5 Aug 42, and returned at 2115 hrs on 7 Aug 42.

They located the enemy plane on the STIRLING RANGE about 8 mls N.N.E. from the landing strip. Details are as follows:-

The patrol was led by Q 22360 Cpl PEBAR K.F. and consisted of one Int Section personnel Q 22280 Pte. HANNAY V.P. and six other ranks of 'D' Coy of 25 Aust Inf Bn.

Patrol left MILNE BAY via EANENENE and KALOHI CK. at 0835 hrs 5 Aug 42, accompanied by 2 native guides, the direction of STIRLING RANGE, to locate fallen enemy 'plane.

The first night was spent at a spot about 2 mls from TAUPOLA Village on the coast side of STIRLING RANGE. The following day, patrol visited the village and made enquiries from all possible sources. It was ascertained from the natives of the village that an enemy 'plane came down in flames, and on taking a bearing it showed 182° from the village.

Ptes. HANNAY and HOGG then moved N.W. along coast to question natives of other villages, and eventually arrived at HIOGE Village, where there is a mission. A native mission priest who spoke English fairly well, gave the information that 5 Jap 'planes passed over the village at approx midday on 4 Aug 42 and later only one 'plane returned in an apparent damaged condition. This exploded when a long way out to sea. This information was confirmed by other natives who described how the 'plane exploded and went into the sea. It was also confirmed at a village called GONAPURA.

Ptes. HANNAY and HOGG continued on to a village named TOPURA. A note was left with native policeman at this village for Lieut Ross to the effect that information had been received regarding the 2 planes and an endeavour was then being made to contact the 'plane on the STIRLING RANGE.

Incidentally the policeman at TOPURA stated that Lieut Baker and 26 men had been guided by him from TOPURA to DOGURA on Monday, arrived DOGURA late Monday night - one man was sick and was given medicine and left at DOGURA MISSION. He further stated that the men's legs were all cut about.

Ptes HANNAY and HOGG returned to TAUPOLA, where the night was spent at the Government Rest House. The Councillor and Policeman were absent, said to be searching for enemy 'plane with intention of carrying news of it to GILI GILI. No trace of these men was found en route.

At 0800 hrs on Friday 7 Aug 42, the full patrol with 6 native carriers, plus the two native guides, on the set jungle path. At 0945 hrs arrived at a village named ETAPOURA, where natives stated the 'plane had fallen on the South Eastern side of STIRLING RANGE. On the direction given a bearing was taken, viz 168°.

Patrol then left in the direction of 168° which led to the East of the main track, and at 0955 hrs a small village was reached (name unobtainable). From that village more information was obtained through the policeman a native boy was brought forward who actually saw the 'plane fall. A further six natives were then obtained, and a very indistinct track through the jungle was followed, to a village, the phonetic spelling of which was WARPIE.

At 1325 hrs the party reached the top of STIRLING RANGE. The road was very steep and slippery, being covered with moss, and particularly dangerous, with no visibility whatever. On the WESTERN side of the track was a creek which the natives called WARIA CK. and which they stated ran into the sea near GILI GILI Wharf.

On the top of the mountain, the natives gave the information that a Mr. Ryan had been to the spot the previous day (Thursday 6 Aug 42) in company with soldier or soldiers, but did not go to the 'plane, having stated that it was impossible to reach it. The native policemen considered it would take a day to get to the 'plane and back. The natives were eventually persuaded to cut a track through the jungle in the direction of the 'plane. This they did, it being difficult on the side of the mountain. At 1530 hrs the party arrived at the 'plane.

Particulars of the 'plane; The 'plane was a Jap 'Zero', with Rising Sun markings on wing and nose.

One wing was O.K.

The pilot was burnt, one hand only being on the grip of the machine gun, and part of the body, apparently the breast, being about 20 yds away against a tree. No identification disc or colour patches, maps or papers of any kind could be found, apparently all being burnt.

The damaged 'plane was scattered over an area of at least 40 yds.

The position of the 'plane was on the side of a re entrant on the Eastern side of WARIA CK, portion of it being buried deeply in the ground.

The following parts were taken for inspection by R.A.A.F. Operations:-

2 Data Plates	Two ball & socket control arms
1 Copper pipe	1 Fishplate
Ball & socket control arms	3 pieces Dural
T unien	1 Revolver
Full selector cock	7 rounds ammunition
	1 pæce frame member.

Patrol returned to track at top of hill, and left for camp at 1625 hrs Arrived at creek at foothill of mountain which natives stated was MURI CK, at 1800 hrs. The patrol then followed MURI CK., passing through three villages, and reached 24 Fd Engrs Biv Area, and thence to 25 Bn Camp, arriving at 2115 hrs., Friday 7 Aug 42.

All natives concerned gave assistance in the tracking of the 'plane, and members of the patrol ask that they be thanked through the Administrator. In addition to the six natives, plus the two Guides who came to GILI GILI with the patrol, the names of the six others who returned to their villages were:-

MOSES (Village policeman)
JONAH
VARAN
JOHN
BERTRAM
STANLEY

collected from villages ETAPOURA to WARPIE (phonetic spelling)

It might be mentioned that heavy A/A fire from guns practicing at GILI GILI was encountered at about 1630 hrs, some of which came ~~xx~~ very close to the patrol, when six of the natives immediately returned to their village.

E.S. MILES Lt-Col.,
C.O. 25 Aust Inf Bn.

TELEPHONE—

Australian Military Forces—Northern Command.

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42	SECRET.	
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Address 25 AUST INF BN
Date 20 Jul 43.

MOST SECRET.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

DISPOSITION MAP - 25 AUST INF BN.

Herewith map with scale 1" to 200 yds showing disposition of 25 Aust Inf Bn with one Coy less one Pl. in posns on aerodrome defence, and the remainder of the unit in bivouac area, for your information.

Ellis

Lt-Col
C.O. 25 Aust Inf Bn.

I see

25 Bm

SECRET

Ref Sketch MAP
Attached

2100 Hrs

21 Jul 42

7 Inf Bde

Tentative Fire Plan of
C Coy with 1 Pl mmg + 2 det Mortars

mmg - 1 Sec covering beach to the South West from a posn approx. ref 067994 - Safety angle from AFK + Bofer Guns.

- 1 Sec covering beach to North East + area cleared where CK joins the Sea - Posn of sec guns approx ref 068995 Safety angle from defended locality of left flank Pl (15 Pl)

Mortars - tasks - Primary - on cleared area where CK joins sea at approx ref 069997. - 2 det. Secondary - Opportunity as circs permit.

Coy dispositions - 2 Pls fwd on beach with one in depth defence with CA Role & protection Rear X Rds + ford Xing.

Inter Pl boundary incl to 15 Pl - Line of Creek -

Coy HQ with Res Pl.

Inter Com Lia Coy HQ connected at 2100 hrs by L/T from 61 Bn Exchange.

Liason Contact with Bofer Gun Crew at ref 058992 who has direct phone connection to main Switch Contact with AFK Gun crew at 065993.

Allen G. Col

25 Aust Inf Bn

8 Aug. 42

Milneforce.

Lightning Force

Ref. Milneforce secret memo M33 dated 1 Aug 42, the matter of lightning force has been given consideration and with this end in view Corps will be given the following as with our docks, rds, dromes, quarry etc will permit:-

- 1 Rapid movement.
- 2 Carrying of minimum equip. etc.
- 3 Self contained PL and sec cooking.
- 4 Tactical move against defended localities incl features dominating suitable runway posns.
- 5 Silent movement by night.
- 6 Swimming with equip. in ground sheet or held over head.

In replying to para 5 of memo referred to,

(c) The min. equip. and pers. accessories with weights are as follows:-

	Weight			
<u>Dress</u>				
Shirt		15 ³ / ₄ oz.		
Singlet		5 "		
Shirts	1 lb	1 "		
Belt		7 "		
Field Dressing		2 ¹ / ₄ "		
Overs Cream		2 "		
Boots	4 lb	- "		
Socks		4 "		
Leggings	2 lb	- "		
Hat		7 "		
Helmet (carried)	2 lb	8 "	12 lb	4 oz.
<u>Equipment</u>				
Rifle, sling, full trough & oil bottle	9 lb	"		
Bayonet & scabbard	1 "	10 "		
Water bottle (filled) & carrier	2 "	12 "		
Webbing Equip.	2 "	0 "		
Respirator	4 "	8 "	19 lb	14 oz.
<u>In Haversack</u>				
Haversack	1 "	4 ¹ / ₄ "		
Shaving kit		11 ¹ / ₂ "		
Shaving outfit		13 ¹ / ₄ "		
Soap.		1 ¹ / ₄ "		
Toilet.		10 ¹ / ₂ "		
Knife fork and spoon		4 ¹ / ₂ "		
Mess tin and cover.	2 "	5 ¹ / ₂ "	6 lb	2 ³ / ₄ oz.
<u>In Pack</u>				
Pack	1 lb	6 ¹ / ₄ oz.		
Socks (extra pair)		4 "		
Shirt (change)		15 ³ / ₄ "		
Long trousers.	1 "	8 "		
net Mosquito	2 "	0 "		
Ground sheet.	3 "	0 "		
Blanket	3 "	0 "	12 lb	2 oz.
			50 lb	6 ³ / ₄ oz.
Add S.A.A. 100 rds.			6 "	4 "
Grenades (4)			6 "	0 "
Returns 3 Days			4 "	14 "
			67 lbs	8 ³ / ₄ oz.

Summed up, a man would carry 50 1/2 lb without arms or returns and 67 1/2 lb if 100 rds SAA, 4 grenades and 3 days rations were carried plus what he carries in Bren magazines.

The T.S.M.E is carried by Sec cmd and weighs 10 lb. For mobility the box type mag. is most suitable and holds 20 rds and weighs 2 1/2 lbs. The gun and 10 mags. loaded. would weigh 23 lb 7 oz while rifle and 100 rds SAA weigh 15 1/4 lb thus giving an addtl load of 8 lb 3 oz.

The man carrying the Bren gun which weighs 22 lbs with sling, has four loaded mags weighing 11 lbs. He would have no grenades. The Bren and loaded mags. gives him an addtl weight over grenades and 100 rds SAA of 1 lb 14 oz. The remaining 21 Bren mags are divided over the 7 riflemen of the sec. This gives 7 men 3 loaded Bren mags each to carry in addition to their ordinary load. This would be an extra 8 1/4 lbs for each man.

The rifle sec of 9 would therefore carry loads incl 3 days rations as follows:-

<u>Sec. Cmd</u> - Personal	50 lb	6 3/4 ozs.	
less rifle bayonet & scabbard	10 lb	10 ozs	
	39 "	12 3/4 ozs	
T.S.M.E + 10 loaded mags	13 "	7 ozs	
4 Grenades.	6 "	0 "	
Rations (3 days)	4 "	14 "	
			74 lb 1 3/4 ozs
			say 74 lbs

<u>Bren Gunner</u> - Personal	50 lb	6 3/4 ozs	
less rifle & bayonet	10 lb	10 ozs	
	37 lb	12 3/4 "	
Bren Gun.	22 lb	0 "	
4 loaded mags.	11 lb	0 "	
Rations (3 days)	4 "	14 "	
			77 lb 10 3/4 ozs
			say 78 lbs

<u>7 Other members of sec.</u>	50 lb	6 3/4 ozs	
100 rds. 303 SAA.	6 "	4 "	
4 grenades	6 "	0 "	
Rations (3 days)	4 "	14 "	
3 Bren mags (loaded)	8 "	4 "	
			75 lb 12 3/4 ozs
			say 76 lbs

This is half the approx weight of an average man.

(b) The sub. unit best suited for the type of operation envisaged in memo referred to, would be a rifle Coy with the support of 2 detts. of 3" mortars, which gives to the Rifle Coy the light arty. for the operation. It is considered that M.F.'s could not be profitably employed in the early stages, the Bren, S.M.E, rifle, bayonet and hand grenade supported by mortars being effective close range fighting weapons and all eminently suited for any eventuality. The disadvantage of this is the weight of the mortar and its arms, which would not be man handled very far.

- (c) Working gear needed by A Coy -
- 1 Oxie per pl for tea
 - 1 " " " stew etc
 - 2 Steel bars if available for open fire. If not available open trench or fork sticks improvised
 - mess tin cooking by sections if necessary.

- (d) Min. tools and type most desirable
- 23 picks
 - 23 shovels
 - 7 axes

(over)

Rapid defenses would be necessary, say 2 sec working and one sec guarding and patrolling. One pl would therefore require only 7 picks and 7 shovels. Two axes would be required per pl. In timber felling and felling in wet forms, and one for Coy HQ and use by cooks.

- (c) Amm. scale and supporting amms from the sub-units.
 - (1) Rifle - 100 rds on the man (2 bandoliers) with 500 rds also in bandoliers with Coy HQ under CSM. equal to 5 boxes in close reserve.
 - (2) Grenades - 4 on the man, two per man at Coy HQ under C.S.M. say 200 in close reserve
 - (3) Bren - 1000 rds with gun and 500 per gun with Coy HQ say 8000 or 4 boxes in close reserve.
 - (4) TSMG - 200 rds with gun and 200 per gun with Coy HQ say 2000 or 1 box in close reserve.

In all the C.S.M. would control 9 boxes S.A.A., 2000 rds TSMG amms and 200 grenades.

Mortars 3" - 120 rds with each gun, total 240 with res. at rifle Coy HQ of an addtl 60 rds per gun, total 120 in close reserve.

(sgd) E. S. MILES Lt. Col
C.O 25 Aust Inf Bn.

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MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 8 Aug 42

"G"

140. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	8 Aug	to	1800	9 Aug	Serial No	7
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141. DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Add to List 'A' and List 'B'
43 Engr Bn U.S.A.

142. AIR RAID WARNINGS

(a) The mere threat of air raids must not be allowed to interrupt the work of MILNEFORCE. The interruption caused by air raids themselves must be reduced to the minimum.

(b) The AIR WARNING YELLOW is a cautionary signal meaning that unidentified planes have been detected some distance from this base and that an air raid here may possibly be made. This signal requires action by certain R.A.A.F. and A/A per. All others must continue their normal duties without interruption. Air sentries must be particularly alert.

(c) AIR RAID RED means that the expected time of arrival of hostile A/C is imminent. Tps must NOT cease work and go to slit trenches until warned by their own air sentries that attack is about to be made on their own area. They must resume work as soon as the ALL CLEAR (GREEN) is given in their own area. Per required to remain at their posts throughout an air raid will naturally do so.

(d) All ranks must be determined that JAP action will not delay the development of this operational base.

"A & Q"

J. Mahoney Major

143. NOMENCLATURE OF UNITS

From to-day's date 7 Bde Coy A.A.S.C. will be known as '25 Aust Coy A.S.C.' All returns, correspondence, mail etc should be addressed under new nomenclature.

144. INDENTS FOR MEDICAL STORES

All units will adopt the following system when requisitioning for Medical Stores:-

- R.M.O's will indent on a weekly basis.
- These requisitions will be submitted in time to reach H.Q. 11 Aust Fd Amb by 1200 hrs each Saturday.
- Stores will be ready for collection at 0900 hrs the following Tuesday.
- It is imperative that empty bottles and a box to carry the stores accompany the requisition.
- Quinine for suppressive treatment will be issued by A.A.S.C. without requisition.

/145. MEDICAL REPORT

145. WEEKLY MEDICAL REPORT

Units will submit a weekly report as per the attached pro forma to reach this H.Q. and S.M.O. by 2350 hrs each Thursday.

146. NAME OF RUNWAY

In future No. 1 Runway will be known as GURNEY FIELD in memory of late Sqn-Ldr GURNEY R.A.A.F.

The late Sqn Ldr GURNEY was senior pilot for QANTAS before the war. He had an extensive knowledge of this part of the country and was killed near here while flying a B 26, on his way back from a raid. He was C.O. 33 Sqn R.A.A.F. at the time of his death.

147. REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS

Accidents involving personnel must be immediately reported to S.C. MILNEFORCE.

148. WEARING OF BOOTS

Men must wear boots unless otherwise ordered for special duty. Feet must be kept hard for marching.

149. MEDICAL ATTENTION

Sub sec 2/6 Aust Hy A/A bty at GURNEY FIELD and sec 23 ~~Sec~~ Aust Hy A/A Bty will attend 25 Aust Inf Bn R.A.P.

150. NATIVE LABOUR

All units should see that their native labour are provided with pit latrines and the labour should be shown where such latrines are to be dug.

Sick native labour should be sent off their jobs back to ANGAU H.Q. or to the labour lines at MAIWARA.

Native labour sleeping at place of work should also have a rubbish pit for their refuse.

151. F.P.O. 68

Fd Post Office No. 68 is now established in small building in FACTORY area.

152. SUB-UNIT RIFLE RANGE 200^x

Ref MILNEFORCE R.O. 134 and 135. After 8 Aug 42 200^x Sub-unit Range as referred to in R.O. 135 (c) and (d) will cease to be a Rifle Range, and allotment to 2/9 Aust Lt A/A Bty for 9 and 10 Aug is hereby cancelled.

153. ADDITIONAL CHURCH PARADES

C.P.D. Services will be held as under:-

25 Bn H.Q.	...	0830 hrs
61 Bn H.Q.	...	1000 hrs
9 Bn H.Q.	...	0900 hrs
C. of E. Communion Service		same area 0945 hrs.
'D' Coy 9 Bn	...	1100 hrs.

Chaplain will visit outlying coys of 61 Bn during the afternoon.

Romer A.
S.C Staff Capt. Capt.

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Address 25 Aust Inf Bn

Date 5 Aug 42.

7 Aust Inf Bde.

PATROL REPORT.
DOGURA MISSION - WEDAU VILLAGE.

Ref. secret message 0507 31 Jul, patrol left at 0815 hrs *1 Aug* and entered track KALOHI CK (led by native guides) at the N.W. end of the runway en route to STIRLING RANGE. The Adj. (Capt Jackson) and runner accompanied the party to within about 1,000 ft. of the summit of the STIRLING RANGE.

Most of the track was along the bed of the KALOHI CK over river stones ~~and~~ crossing and recrossing the creek in all 33 times, until the track left the creek to commence the climb up the STIRLING RANGE. The Adj reports constant wading through the creek and the rough passage over the river stones caused the soles of boots which had been re-soled to peel off.

At 1500 hrs. today 5 Aug 42 the following message was received from Lieut Baker, in charge of the patrol, through ANGAU, evidently brought by native carrier, ~~to OA from CE.~~

"To OA From CL

"Arrived DOGURA MISSION 0800 hrs 4 Aug. Patrol successful so far. Men's feet cut about. Pte Hoult seriously ill with acute malaria, temperature on arrival was 105 deg. Is being well looked after by trained Sister here. Will spell here for 36 hrs. Patient will have to remain here as he cannot be moved. Apart from this everything O.K.. 1800 hrs. 4 Aug."

It would appear three days were taken for the journey to DOGURA MISSION.

CL is Code ^{message} name for Lieut Baker OA is for CO

E. Miles

Lt-Col
C.O. 25 Aust Inf Bn.

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REPORTING CODE

1. THIS CODE MUST NOT FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS.
2. The loss of the code must be reported immediately.
3. To ENCODE a message :
 - (a) Using sheet marked ENCODE, substitute codewords for the words of your message.
 - (b) Allow all words which do NOT appear in the code to remain in clear, except place names or words which in clear might make message understood by the enemy.
 - (c) For these place names you will use the alphabet code provided.
 - (d) Add suffixes like 'ing', 'ed', etc to end of codewords if necessary.
 - (e) e.g. clear: "Several large ships approaching"
 encoded : "Several large tomatoes flagging".

or

Clear : "Japanese patrol of 2 officers and 30 other ranks encountered vicinity PUNI PUNI"

Encoded: "Buddha lilac of 2 jerries, and 30 boilers mentioned proverb TDHC TDHC".

4. To DECODE a message reverse the process.

(A) Turbayne Lieut.

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MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD
MORTAR	MARSHALL	REFERENCE	MISER	UNIDENTIFIED	ONION
MOTOR LAND- ING CRAFT	OPERATE	REGAIN	MOCK	UNABLE	BUGIE
MOUNTAIN	BUS	REINFORCE	CONSIGN	UNDER COMMAND	MAPLE
MOVE	FURNISH	RELIEF	MOSS	UNIT	URCHIN
NAKAJIMA 97	MONTH	RELIEVE	MODE	URGENT	STRANGE
NATIVE	SHIRT	REMAIN	MURDER	U.S.A.	WAG
NIGHT	ROT	RENDEZVOUS	QUEEN	VALLEY	WELLINGTON
NO	BULL	REPLY	NAKED	VICINITY	PROVERB
NO MOVEMENT	LONDON	REPORT	NAVIGATE	VILLAGE	PUDDLE
SEEN	CLOUD	REPULSE	NEED	WARNING	PUNCH
NORTH	COW	REQUEST	NICK	WERE	PUZZLE
NOT	INFANT	REQUIRE	ANNOUNCE	WEST	WIND
NOTHING	GRASS	RESERVE	OUTLAY	WATER	HEMP
NUMBER	OUTLAW	RESPECTIVE	PLAIN	WHARF	BAMBOO
OBJECTIVE	INVENT	RETIRE	PILFER	WIRE	ECHO
OBSERVE	INVEST	RETURN	PASS	WIRELESS	REFLEX
OCCUPY	JERRY	RIVER	OYSTER	W/P STATION	DRIP
OFFICER	JOURNEY	RIDGE	PASTE	WOUNDED	REVEILLE
OPEN	JUSTICE	RIFLE	PEARL	YARDS	RICE
OPERATION	LADDER	RIGHT	PERISCOPE	ZERO	RUMOUR
OPERATION	LABOUR	ROAD	PERMIT	ZONE	GOLD
ORDER NO	LAKE	ROUTE	PETAL		
OPPOSITE	LASH	RUNWAY	PEW		
OPPOSITION	LETTERS	SAIL	SWIM		
ORDER	LAZY	SECTION	PHOTOGRAPH		
OTHER RANKS	LEOPARD	SEA	SUGAR		
OUR	LIBERTY	SEEN	PIANO		
OUTPOST	MAJESTY	SECOND	SMILE		
OWN	LETTER	SEND	PICK		
PARATROOPS	LID	SENT	PIOUS		
PARACHUTE	LILAC	SHELL	PITCH		
PARTY	PIGSKIN	SIDE	POLKA		
PATROL	LIMIT	SIGNAL	POOL		
PETROL	LINK	SITUATE	PREACH		
PENETRATE	SCREW	SITUATION	PULPIT		
PERSONNEL	DELIVER	SHIP	TOMATO		
PILOT	LOBBY	SHOOT	PEPPER		
PLACE	LUNATIC	SOME	FLOWER		
PLATOON	MACHINE	SOUTH	SKY		
POINT	MAGNETIC	SPY	TWIST		
POSITION	MAIN	SQUADRON	FLOCK		
POSSESSION	MAN	STATION	JOB		
POSSIBLE	MANGLE	STOP	PULL		
POST	MARKET	STORE	LEMON		
POSTPONED	MARINE	STRAFF	DRINK		
PREPARE	MANICURE	STRENGTH	BOVRIL		
PRESENT	MATE	SUBMIT	RUSH		
PRISONER	MARVEL	SUBMARINE	WEED		
PROCEED	MAUL	SUCCESSFUL	WONDERFUL		
PROGRESS	MENACE	SUNDERLAND	SWALLOW		
PROTECT	MELLOW	SUPPLY	SAGO		
PROVIDE	ORCHID	SUPPORT	SCOLLOP		
QUIET	MERGE	TAKE	SCHOOL		
R.A.A.F.	WADE	TANK	SARDINE		
RAID	MEW	TIME	KNEE		
RAIN	MIDRIB	TOBACCO	CHIP		
REACH	MINGLE	TODAY	JAM		
REAR	MIRE	TORPEDO	BANDAGE		
RECEIVE	DINNER	TOMORROW	BREAD		
RECONNAISS- ANCE		TONIGHT	BUTTER		
RED		TOWARDS	TEAM		
		TRACK	TEMPLE		
		TRACTORS	TIGER		
		TRANSPORT	TRAFFIC		
		TRENCH	FERN		
		TROOP	TRAIN		
		TYPE	CROSSBOW		

LETTER	CODE
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C	L
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H	G
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J	A
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M	J
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MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD
ACTION	SPONSOR	COMPANY	MUDDLE	GUARD	MALE
ACTIVITY	PROOF	CONCENTRATION	LESSON	GUIDE	MAT
ADVANCE	SPEAR	CONFIRM	BANG	GUN	MEDAL
AERIAL	STICK	CONTROL	BRAKE	GUNS NOW	
AEROPLANE	PROFIT	COUNTER		FIRING	PAPER
AERODROME	ROBERT	ATTACK	THOMAS		
AIR	LEG	COVER	CHAIR	HEADQUARTERS	LAUREL
ALL	MARY	CRASH	DAWN	HEAD	BOWL
AIRCRAFT	FRESH	CRUISER	BLACK	HEIGHT	CEILING
AIRCRAFT		CROSSROADS	PENNY	HELD	DRILL
CARRIER	CLEAN	CUT	PAINT	HILL	HAWK
ALL ARMS	BACKFIRE			HOLD	EXEMPT
ANTI	STAMP	DAISY CUTTER	PHONE	HORSE	PLUM
AMBUSH	KIDNEY	DEFENCE	PISTOL	HOSTILE	MIGHT
AMMUNITION	LEGHORN	DEFEND	PROMOTE	HOURL	NUT
APPROACH	FLAG	DEFENDED		HOUSE	ASH
AREA	LEGACY	POST	TRAM	HUT	ONE
ARRANGE	ANNUL	DEGREE	CABLE	IDENTIFY	OCTOPUS
ARRIVAL	LADY	DESTROY	REVENGE	IDENTIFICATIONS	MUCK
ARMOURED		DETACHMENT	SANDAL	IMMEDIATE	MOTHER
CAR	TINBOX	DETAIL	SAUSAGE	IN	HAY
ARTILLERY	OVAL	DIGGING	BEAVER	INCLUDE	CLIMB
A/A GUN	PUMPKIN	DIRECT	SURF	INFANTRY	SHEEP
APPROVE	PUNCTURE	DIRECTION	SUPPRESS	INFILTRATION	STUDY
AS SOON AS	DECRY	DIVE	SOLVE	INFORM	STRIVE
ASSIST	GRIEVE	DIVISION	SCALE	INFORMATION	REASON
ATTACK	CARRY	DOWN	SLIP	INJURED	SEVEN
AVAILABLE	INSULT	DOCUMENT	STOOL	INTELLIGENCE	CAD
		DUMP	PIG	INSTRUCT	INTRODUCE
B 25	PARROT	DROP	WHISTLE	INTERVAL	GRADE
BANK	MATCH			JAPANESE	BUDDHA
BARBED WIRE	GAME	EARLY	MELODY	JUNCTION	TOBY
BATTALION	GAP	EAST	RAKE	JUNGLE	EYE
BATTERY	ORPHAN	ENCOUNTER	MENTION		
BATTLESHIP	PEACH	ENEMY	DAISY	KAWANISI	LIME
BAY	RUM	ENFILADE	GREYHOUND	KITTYHAWK	CROW
BEACH	ORANGE	ENGAGE	FLOOR	KILL	TRADE
BE	SHOWER	EQUIPMENT	CARTRIDGE	LAND	TICKLE
BIVOUAC	PICNIC	ESCORT	HARPOON	LARGE	TENT
BODY	GRIN	ESTABLISH	ILLUSTRATE	LEFT	SOW
BOMBER	GLUTTON	ESTIMATE	IMAGINE	LESS	SEDAN
BOMBED	FINGER	EVACUATE	INJECT	LEWIS GUN	PINEAPPLE
BRIDGE	JACKET	EXPECT	TONGUE	LINE	PINK
BRACKET	CEMENT			LOCATE	DRAFTER
BRIGADE	JANUARY	FACING	ANT	LOCATION	DRESS
		FIELD	OPAL	LOSS	NEEDLE
CANCEL LAST		FIRE	OVERLAP		
MESSAGE	KING	FIGHTERS	TOES	MACHINE GUN	COOK
CANNOT	SECRETARY	FLANK	PELICAN	MALARIA	BLOSSOM
CAPTURE	SHINE	FLIGHT	PALM	MARCH	BAR
CARGO	WOOL	FLY	PLATE	MARAUDER	SHARK
CAR	STIRRUP	FLYING BOAT	SMOKE	MEETING	
CARRIER	FIN	FLOAT PLANE	FLOOD	POINT	AXLE
CASUALTIES	HOOKS	FOLLOW	PLUCK	MERCHANT	JEW
CATALINA	MOUSE	FOOD	ELBOW	MEN	WORLD
CIPHER	TOWEL	FORCE	REBEL	MESSAGE	FEDERAL
CLEAR	HOSE	FORWARD	SAND	MINUTE	CHAPLAIN
CLOSE	JUDY	FORTRESS	ELEPHANT	MILE	CIGARETTE
COAST	INK	FULL STOP	STAY	MISS	DOUBLE
CODE	TOOTH	GAIN	PAY	96	DATE
COLUMN	STREET	GAS	DEVIL	MITSUBISHI	YEAR
COMMAND	MEAN	GO	HAND	97	BARCOO
COMMA	BARK	GREEN	TIMBER		
COMMENCE	MOULD	GROUND	MARK		
COMMUNICATE	MOUNT				

REPORTING CODE

DECODE.

CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING
ANNOUNCE	REQUIRE	ECHO	WIRE	LABOUR	OPPOSITE
ANNUL	ARRANGE	ELBOW	FOOD	LADDER	OPERATION
ANT	FACING	ELEPHANT	FORTRESS		ORDER NO
ASH	HOUSE	EXEMPT	HOLD	LADY	ARRIVAL
AXLE	MEETING POINT	EYE	JUNGLE	LAKE	OPPOSITION
				LASH	ORDER
BACKFIRE	ALL ARMS	FEDERAL	MESSAGE	LAUREL	HEADQUARTERS
BARK	COMMA	FERN	TRENCH	LAZY	OUR
BAMBOO	WHARF	FIN	CARRIER	LEG	AIR
BANDAGE	TORPEDO	FINGER	BOMBED	LEGACY	AREA
BANG	CONFIRM	FLAG	APPROACH	LEGHORN	AMMUNITION
BARCOO	MORNING	FLOCK	SQUADRON	LEMON	STORE
BAR	MARCH	FLOOD	FLOAT PLANE	LEOPARD	OUTPOST
BEAVER	DIGGING	FLOOR	ENGAGE	LESSON	CONCENTRATION
BLOSSOM	MALARIA	FLOWER	SOME	LETTER	PARACHUTE
BOILERS	OTHER RANKS	FRESH	AIRCRAFT	LIBERTY	OWN
BLACK	CRUISER	FURNISH	MOVE	LID	PARTY
BOVRIL	STRENGTH			LILAC	PATROL
BOWL	HEAD			LIME	KAWANSI
BRAKE	CONTROL	GABLE	DEGREE	LIMIT	PENETRATE
BREAD	TOMORROW	GAME	BARBED WIRE	LOBBY	PLATOON
BUDDHA	JAPANESE	GAP	BATTALION	LONDON	NO MOVEMENT
BUGLE	UNABLE	GLUTTON	BOMBER		SEEN
BULL	NOIS	GOLD	ZONE	LINK	PERSONNEL
BUS	MOUNTAIN	GRADE	INTERVAL	LUNATIC	POINT
BUTTER	TONIGHT	GRASS	NUMBER		
		GRIEVE	ASSIST	MACHINE	POSITION
		GREYHOUND	ENFILADE	MAGNETIC	POSSESSION
		GRIN	BODY	MAJESTY	PARATROOPS
CAD	INTELLIGENCE			MAIN	POSSIBLE
CARRY	ATTACK			MAPLE	UNDER COMMAND
CARTRIDGE	EQUIPMENT	HAND	GO	MALE	GUARD
CEILING	HEIGHT	HARPOON	ESCORT	MAN	POST
CEMENT	BRACKET	HAWK	HILL	MANGLE	POSTPONE
CHAIR	COVER	HAY	IN	MANICURE	PRISONER
CHAPLAIN	MINUTE	HEMP	WATER	MARINE	PRESENT
CHIP	TOBACCO	HOOKS	CASUALTIES	MARK	GROUND
CIGARETTE	MILE	HOSE	GLEAR	MARKET	PREPARE
CLEAN	AIRCRAFT			MARSHALL	MORTAR
	CARRIER			MARY	ALL
CLIMB	INCLUDE	ILLUSTRATE	ESTABLISH	MARVEL	PROGRESS
CLOUD	NORTH	IMAGINE	ESTIMATE	MAT	GUIDE
CONSIGN	REINFORCE	INFANT	NOTHING	MATCH	BANK
COOK	MACHINE GUN	INJECT	EVACUATE	MATE	PROCEED
CROSSBOW	TYPE	INK	COAST	MAUL	PROTECT
COW	NOT	INSULT	AVAILABLE	MEAN	COMMAND
CROW	KITTYHAWK	INTRODUCE	INSTRUCT	MEDAL	GUN
		INVENT	OBSERVE	MELLOW	QUIET
DAISY	ENEMY	INVEST	OCCUPY	MELODY	EARLY
DATE	MITSUBUSKI			MENACE	PROVIDE
	96			MENTION	ENCOUNTER
DAWN	CRASH	JACKET	BRIDGE	MERGE	RAID
DECRY	AS SOON AS	JAM	TODAY	NIGHT	HOSTILE
DELIVER	PLACE	JANUARY	BRIGADE	MIRE	RECONNAISSANCE
DEVIL	GAS	JERRY	OFFICER	MISER	REFERENCE
DINNER	RED	JEW	MERCHANT	MONTH	NAKAJIMA 97
DOUBLE	MISS	JOB	STATION	MOSS	RELIEF
DRAFT	LOCATE	JOURNEY	OPEN	MOTHER	IMMEDIATE
DRESS	LOCATION	JUDY	CLOSE	MODE	RELIEVE
DRILL	HELD	JUSTICE	OPERATION	MOULD	COMMENCE
DRINK	STRAFF			MOUNT	COMMUNICATE
DRIP	W/T STATION	KIDNEY	AMBUSH	HOUSE	CATALINA
		KING	CANCEL LAST	MUCK	IDENTIFICATIONS
			MESSAGE	MUDDLE	COMPANY
		KNEE	TIME	MURDER	REMAIN

DECODE

CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING	CODEWORD	MEANING
NEW	REACH	PULL	STOP	TEAM	TOWARDS
MIDRIB	REAR	PULPIT	SITUATION	TENT	LARGE
MINGLE	RECEIVE		REPORT	TEMPLE	TRACK
MOCK	REGAIN	PUNCH	WARNING	THOMAS	COUNTER
		PUMPKIN	A/A GUN		ATTACK
NAKED	REPLY	PUNCTURE	APPROVE	TIGER	TRACTOR
NAVIGATE	REPORT	PUZZLE	WERE	TICKLE	LAND
NEED	REPULSE	PRESCH	SITUATE	TIMBER	GREEN
NEEDLE	LOSS	PROFIT	AEROPLANE	TINBOX	ARMOURED
NICK	REQUEST	PROMOTE	DEFEND		CAR
NUT	HOUR	QUEEN	RENDEZVOUS	TOBY	JUNCTION
				TOES	FIGHTERS
		RAKE	EAST	TOMATO	SHIP
OCTOPUS	IDENTIFY	REASON	INFORMATION	TONGUE	EXPECT
ONE	HUT	REBEL	FORCE	TOOTH	CODE
ONION	UNIDENTIFIED	REFLEX	WIRELESS	TOWEL	CIPHER
OPAL	FIELD	REVENGE	DESTROY	TRAFFIC	TRANSPORT
OPERATE	MOTOR LANDING	REVEILLE	WOUNDED	TRADE	KILL
	CRAFT	RICE	YARDS	TRAM	DEFENDED
ORANGE	BEACH	ROBERT	AERODROME		POST
ORCHID	R.A.A.F.	ROT	NIGHT	TRAIN	TROOP
ORPHAN	BATTERY	RUM	BAY	TWIST	SPY
OUTLAW	OBJECTIVE	RUMOUR	ZERO		
OUTLAY	RESERVE	RUSH	SUBMIT	URCHIN	UNIT
OVAL	ARTILLERY			WADE	RAIN
OYSTER	RIVER	SAGO	SUPPLY	WAG	U.S.A.
OVERLAP	FIRE	SANDAL	DETACHMENT	WEED	SUBMARINE
		SAND	FORWARD	WELLINGTON	VALLEY
PAINT	CUT	SARDINES	TANK	WHISTLE	DROP
PALM	FLIGHT	SAUSAGE	DETAIL	WIND	WEST
PAPER	GUNS NOW	SCALE	DIVISION	WONDERFUL	SUCCESSFUL
	FIRING	SECRETARY	CANNOT	WOOL	CARGO
PARROT	B 25	SEDAN	LESS	WORLD	MEN
PASS	RETURN	SEVEN	INJURED		
PASTE	RIDGE	SHEEP	INFANTRY	YEAR	mitsubishi
PAY	GAIN	SHOWER	BE		97
PEACH	BATTLESHIP	SHARK	MARAUDER		
PEARL	RIFLE	SLIP	DOWN		
PELICAN	FLANK	SMOKE	FLYING BOAT		
PENNY	CROSSROAD	SOLVE	DIVE	A	J
PEPPER	SHOOT	SPEAR	ADVANCE	B	K
PERISCOPE	RIGHT	SOW	LEFT	C	I
PERMIT	ROAD	SHIRT	NATIVE	D	UU
PETAL	ROUTE	SMILE	SECOND	E	O
PEW	RUNWAY	SKY	SOUTH	F	L
PHONE	DAISY CUTTER	SCOLLOP	SUPPORT	G	HH
PHOTOGRAPH	SECTION	SHINE	CAPTURE	H	N
PIANO	SEEN	SCHOOL	TAKE	I	V
PICK	SEND	SCREW	PILOT	J	M
PICNIC	BIVOUCAC	STAMP	ANTI	K	A
PIGSKIN	PETROL	SPONSOR	ACTION	L	C
PIG	DUMP	STRANGE	URGENT	M	B
PILFER	RETIRE	STAY	FULL STOP	N	Z
PINEAPPLE	LEWIS GUN	STICK	AERIAL	O	X
PINK	LINE	STIRRUP	CAR	P	Y
PIOUS	SENT	STOOL	DOCUMENT	Q	W
PISTOL	DEFENCE	STREET	COLUMN	R	F
PITCH	SHELL	STRIVE	INFORM	S	E
PLATE	FLY	STUDY	INFILTRATION	T	P
PLAIN	RESPECTIVE	SURF	DIRECT	U	T
PLUCK	FOLLOW	SUPPRESS	DIRECTION OF	V	Q
PLUM	HORSE	SUGAR	SEA	W	G
POLKA	SIDE	SWALLOW	SUNDERLAND	X	S
POOL	SIGNAL	SWIM	SAIL	Y	R
PROOF	ACTIVITY			Z	D
PROVERB	VICINITY				
PUDDLE	VILLAGE				

LETTER CODE

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MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 9 Aug 42

"G"

154. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	9 Aug	to	1800	10 Aug	Serial No	15
"	"	" 10 Aug	to	"	11 Aug	"	9
"	"	" 11 Aug	to	"	12 Aug	"	20
"	"	" 12 Aug	to	"	13 Aug	"	1

155. NATIVE LABOUR AND AIR RAIDS

When AIR RAID RED is sounded units using native labour will see that someone is detailed to lead native labour to slit trenches and he will remain with native labour until the 'all clear' is given. Natives having a European with them during an air raid are far more likely not to run away. One European to every fifty or less would be sufficient.

J.B. Mahoney Major

"A & Q"

156. UNIT SERIAL NUMBERS

Aust Units A.M.F. and A.I.F. will advise this H.Q. of any Unit Serial No. which has been allotted them.

157. NATIVE LABOUR - TIME OF REPORTING

Native labour will report for duty at various jobs at 1000 hrs on Monday morning and not 0800 hrs as usual.

158. ISSUING OF BLANKETS TO NATIVES

It has been brought to notice that a few Army blankets have been issued to native labour. This practice must cease and any blankets issued must be withdrawn and handed to Hygiene Sec for decontamination.

Any units holding a surplus of U.S. blankets will advise this H.Q. of quantity.

159. A.A. FORMS 3118 and 3118A

R.M.O's will evacuate all cases with Forms 3118 and 3118A. These may be indented for on 11 Aust Fd Amb.

J. Romer Capt.
Staff Capt.

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NOTICE: Paybook No. 156098, the property of Q42188 Pte KING J.H. has been handed in to this H.Q. Paybook may be obtained by owner on application to this H.Q.

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Copy No. *37*.....

H.Q.
MILNEFORCE
9 Aug 42.

SUBJECT : CAMFLG.

To all units List 'A'

The following observations are based upon a memo on "Camouflage, Moresby Area" addsd to Comd Genl., A.A.F., NEW GUINEA, from Capt W.D. MURPHY, Corps of Engrs U.S. Army, Camflg Offr at Engr H.Q., U.S.A. F.I.A. In the main they are applicable to conditions at FALL RIVER and are rptd for study and necessary action by units in this area.

2. These factors are amongst those considered in determining a camflg policy -

- (a) The topography of the country is such that the area adjacent to most runways is restricted by potentially boggy ground or by hilly terrain.
- (b) The types of soils and grasses are such that paving of runways and taxistrips is almost universally necessary to prevent bogging in wet weather and excessive dust clouds in dry weather.
- (c) A number of fighter planes are on the alert during daylight. This requires A/C and pilots to be in the immediate vicinity of the runway throughout the hours of daylight.

3. It is apparent that there is little hope of concealing the paved runway and taxi-tracks. However, it should be possible to conceal the planes and their exact posns - when dispersed - from air observation at a heigh of 5,000 ft. It should be possible also to conceal from such observation those structures which of necessity must be built.

4. Accordingly, the following camflg policy is recommended :-

- (a) All new building construction must be kept to a minimum. Where possible, all buildings should be under natural cover. Groups of huts built in the native style should resemble native villages in that they are small sized, under and near trees, irregularly lined and in small clumps.
- (b) All aircraft not tactically required to be on the drome proper will be dispersed and concealed so as to be not visible to air observation from a height of 5,000 ft. (This concealment must include the spur from the taxi-track to the plane's hide-out)
- (c) All technical installations must be dispersed and concealed from 5,000 ft visual observation. (This will also require that paths and rds leading to these installations are kept to a minimum, are inconspicuous and are extended past the installation to a logical ending)
- (d) Weapon emplacements, fire control installations and amn dumps must be treated as in 4(c). Splinter - proof vertical walls should be provided round the weapon emplacements and fire control installations.
- (e) Stores must be dispersed and laid down in areas which provide natural cover. Track discipline must be strictly maintained in stores areas and activity in these areas curtailed during periods of hostile air activity.

5. The following remarks are made on the use of nets and other camflg material

- (a) Nets should be flat, or as flat as possible, and should avoid abrupt changes of plane. Constant maintenance is necessary to keep them flat and taut.
- (b) Most nets are too small, not providing any cover to the oblique.
- (c) Garnishing of nets is off colour and in most cases too thin. There is little texture to the garnishing, since most nets have few "tails". Even where the garnishing is thick enough there is little thinning towards the edges.
- (d) A type of yellow-green net is used over some positions, in certain cases without garnishing. This type of net is useless. It is an inefficient screen, does not match anything and presents a rectangle of definite shape and colour to frame the target it is intended to conceal.
- (e) Nets are used unsupported and merely draped over aeroplanes, vehs, structures and tents. Such a use accomplishes nothing as regards concealment. The use of nets over tents (which can be otherwise concealed) is wasteful.
- (f) The floors of dispersal bays for A/C and the spurs leading to them are bright and shiny. These should be discoloured and toned down to the shade of the surrounding ground.
- (g) Trucks and aeroplanes parked under cover are evident because of the glint of the sun on wind-shields and glass hoods. This glare must be prevented. Covers must be improvised for shields of A/C or vehs which are not supplied with them.
- (h) Aircraft run out on taxi-tracks must be dispersed singly and not left in groups. Machines must be pushed well back off taxi-tracks so as to take fullest advantage of natural cover.
- (j) Large piles of pet and oils, amm or stores must be avoided. Dumps must not be laid down close to obvious rds. The shine must be removed from drums, boxes, tins and other containers by frequent smearing with mud if there is no dull paint available.
- (k) Where palm leaves and other foliage have been used to conceal dumps etc, they must be changed frequently. If allowed to fade, they'll attract attention to the object instead of hiding it.
- (l) Where construction work has scarred the earth near buildings, emplacements, dumps or other installations, the evidence must be removed by replanting grass or effacing the scar by some other means. Similarly track turnouts or loops must be avoided or hidden near concealed installations.

6. The spoil from slit-trenches must be removed or concealed and the trenches themselves, if in the open, provided with a light screen from overhead observation. The excavated soil, if not otherwise disposed of, should be placed at the end of each leg of the trench. It is unnecessary for protection along the sides and will be blown in on the occupants by a near miss. However, placed in extension of the long axis of the trench, it is an added protection against fire of ground - strafing from that direction.
planes

J. Mahoney
Major
H.Q. MILNEFORCE

Staff

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 10 Aug 42

"G"

160. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from 1800	10 Aug	to 1800	11 Aug	Serial No	9
" "	" 11	" to "	" 12	" "	20
" "	" 12	" to "	" 13	" "	1
" "	" 13	" to "	" 14	" "	17

161. SECURITY OF INFM - CAMERAS

- (a) Use of cameras (except one official camera per unit) is forbidden in this area.
- (b) All non-official cameras will be withdrawn from individuals, labelled and held for safe-keeping by units.
- (c) A certificate that this has been done will be rendered to this H.Q. by 1800 hrs 11 Aug.

J.B. Mahoney
Major

"A & Q"

162. WATER POINTS

Water will NOT be drawn from LAUIAM CK (this ck runs behind SLAUGHTER HOUSE, POLICE HUTS & FACTORY) at any pt.

Water will not be drawn from KALOHI CK at any pt SOUTH of water pt in vicinity of HAGITA HOUSE.

J. Somerville
Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICE Pte. C.A. Britten reports the loss of a steel helmet, which was removed from a table at Q.M. Store on Thurs last. Finder is requested to hand same in to this H.Q.

*I O para 161 - report on
certifs recd by 1800 K/H*
Jcm.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 11 Aug 42

"G"

163. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	11	Aug	to	1800	12	Aug	Serial	No	20
"	"	"	"	to	"	13	"	"	"	1
"	"	"	"	to	"	14	"	"	"	17
"	"	"	"	to	"	15	"	"	"	3

J. B. Mahoney
Major

"A & Q"

164. NATIVE LABOUR - DOMESTIC DUTIES

N/L will NOT be employed to perform domestic duties around camps. There are many urgent priority jobs, e.g. construction of rds, huts etc. which must be completed and for which there is a shortage of N/L.

C. O's will enforce this rule.

R. D. Merritt
Staff Capt. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICES. LOST Paybook belonging to VX42876 Gnr R. Goldfinch. will will Finder please return same to this H.Q.

LOST Officer's Cap size 7 $\frac{3}{8}$. Finder please return to this H.Q.

LOST Three tail-boards of trucks, knocked off during the loading of matting. Units are requested to make a search of their areas for the missing boards.

FOUND Rifle No 540 and one Respirator have been left in trucks. Owners are asked to apply to T.O. Lieut CARSON.

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FALL RIVER RAID NO. 2.
1200-1240 Aug 11

6 Jap fighters strafed area. heavy and Lt. A.A. concentrations made them take avoiding action - interception by 19 our P. 40's - hits were claimed by many fighters. - A.A. claims many hits - 3 bombs probably destroyed - one our A/C burst into flames while attempting to land - another shot down in combat 2 our A/C missing.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 12 Aug 42

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165. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	12	Aug	to	1800	13	Aug	Serial No	1
"	"	"	13	"	to	"	14	"	" 17
"	"	"	14	"	to	"	15	"	" 6
"	"	"	15	"	to	"	16	"	" 9

166. A/A FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS (To be bptd in unit orders and read to all ranks)

(a) Units will open fire with small arms on all hostile A/C within range.

(b) Care must be taken to identify planes as hostile before firing and NOT to embarrass our own A/C engaged in interception. All tps must be trained in recognition of A/C.

(c) Shortly before 1500 hrs 11 Aug a long burst of A/A M.G. fire was heard when the only planes overhead were our own fighters. WE MUST NOT ENDANGER OUR OWN PLANES.

(d) A/A LMGs mounted on tripods in the open cannot be used to the best advantage. Circular pits must not be dug for A/A LMGs. These are obvious from the air. A narrow slit trench of irregular trace must be provided for the A/A LMG and its crew and every effort made to conceal the posn.

"A & Q"

J. B. Mahoney Major

NIL

Thomas A. ... Capt
Staff Capt.

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 13 Aug 42

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167. PASSWORD. (Ref S M M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	13	Aug	to	1800	14	Aug	Serial	No	17
"	"	"	14	"	"	15	"	"	"	6
"	"	"	15	"	"	16	"	"	"	9
"	"	"	16	"	"	17	"	"	"	11

J. B. Mahoney
Major

"A & Q"

168. AIR WARNINGS - NATIVE LABOUR

(a) Attention is called to R.O. 155 of 9 Aug regarding the provision of slit trenches for N/L and supervision of "boys" during air-raids.

(b) Tps must do all they can by their own calmness to reassure native "boys" and NOT terrify them by tales of JAP bombers. It must be explained to all ranks that any panic among N/L will deprive the Force of valuable assistance.

169. M.T.

(a) Several cases have been noticed of coconuts jammed between tyres of twin rear wheels. This causes unnecessary wear and action will be taken by T.O. and D's to remove same.

(b) Vehicle No. 17021 30 cwt Ford lorry was landed here recently and is on charge to 24 Aust Fd Coy. The unit having this vehicle in its possession will return same to 24 Aust Fd Coy and advise this H.Q.

170. CARRIERS M.G.

Carriers M.G. will not be used as tractors or to blaze tracks.

171. RAILWAY TARPAULINS

All Railway tarpaulins are to be returned to Port Comd (Maj. V.L. Miller).

172. SHAVING

As razor blades are now available from Canteen, all personnel will be shaved by 0815 hrs daily.

J. D. M. Erwill
Staff Capt. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICES FOUND in USA cook-house GILI GILI, set of equipment comprising 1 Bayonet and Frog, Shoulder straps, belt, Pouches basic (2) containing 1 handkerchief, Safety razor strop and 60 rds .303 rifle amn. Owner may have same on application to this H.Q.

LOST one Medical Crash Kit from ambulance during raid on 11 Aug. Finder please return to 76 Sqn R.A.A.F. Orderly Room.

TO all units List "B"
 FROM FALL RIVER.

I 191 13.

SITREP. NO 21 @ 1200 K/13 @ KOKODA @ at 1900 hrs
 K/10 our troops still in occupn. KOKODA but no patrols from
 main force at DENIKI have succeeded in establishing
 contact with them @ Enemy strength estimated NOT
 exceeding 1000 @ Total enemy casualties to date estimated
 181 killed many more wounded @ Air casualties reported
 for 24 hrs to 2000 K/10 @ 1000 wounded and missing @ one
 other rank died of wounds @ JAPS at KOKODA reported to be
 using smoke @ 28 large ships observed RABUL K/9 @
 4 x 4000 ton ships attacked by our A/C off KIETA @ one
 cruiser 1 Destroyer .40 miles WEST of TREASURY ISLAND @
 Air fighting 114 @ K/12 @ 1 JAP Cruiser 5 merchant
 ships course 210° from 6°10'S 162°20'E @ Air
 fighting 0654 K/13 convoy 4 Tpts 2 Destroyers 1 small
 gun boat from 7°10'S 149°55'E course 225°

NOT WIT 89d) C.M. TURBAYNE Lieut 1500

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9 July 42

Subject - Designation Comd. Offr.
 U.S. Army Service Tps, FALL RIVER
 To. Comd. Offr., Base Sec 2
 TOWNSHILLE

1. Maj. L.V. MILLER, P.M.C., is, in addition to his other duties, designated "Comd Offr, U.S. Army Service Tps FALL RIVER.
2. The Comd. Offr. of all U.S.A.F.I.A Service organizations now stationed at, or arriving at, FALL RIVER, will report to "Comd. Offr. U.S. Army Service Tps, FALL RIVER" for duty, unless orders to the contrary are issued in specific cases.
3. The Comd Offr, U.S. Army Service Tps, FALL RIVER" and his command are subject to the operational control of the Comd. of MILNEFORCE, who has been instructed that he "will NOT, except when attack is imminent or in progress, disturb the execution of the general plans of the local commander of..... the Comd. General USAFIA.
4. The Comd Offr. U.S. Army Service Tps, FALL RIVER is your representative at FALL RIVER. In addition to carrying out your orders, he will be responsible for rendering administrative, supply and medical assistance to all U.S. Army Tps in FALL RIVER.

By Comd of Maj Genl. BARNES.

(Sgt) FS. CLARK
 Maj Genl. U.S. Army
 Chief of Staff

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MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 14 Aug 42

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173. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	14 Aug	to	1800	15 Aug	Serial No	
"	"	"	15 "	to	"	16 "	" 6
"	"	"	16 "	to	"	17 "	" 9
"	"	"	17 "	to	"	18 "	" 11
"	"	"	17 "	to	"	18 "	" 3

174. DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Add to list 'A' and list 'B'
18 Aust Inf Bde
2/10 Aust Inf Bn

175. MILNEFORCE ROUTINE ORDERS

(a) Until MILNEFORCE STANDING ORDERS are issued, all units arriving in this area will send rep to this H.Q. to consult office file of Routine Orders.

(b) Particular attention is called to the following orders, which require action by all units in or arriving in the area:-

"G"

<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
2	Patrol Reports
12	Wireless Silence
16,79,161	Security of Infm
18	Harbour Master
34	Shooting
45,106	Camflg
46	Slit Trenches
47	Vehs, dispersion of
50	Protection, working parties
52	Weapon Tng
60	D/Rs, not to carry passengers
99	Cartridges .303 A.P. and Tracer
107,155,168	P.A.D. Native labour
110	P.A.D. Slit Trenches
122	Crashed a/c
142	Air raid warnings

"A & Q"

<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
3, 42	States and Returns
4, 28	Anti-malaria precautions
5,117,162	Water and ablution pts
13	Machinery and sups
20	Port Comd and Supply
21	District Adm
22,56,150,164	Native Labour
26	Illegal Removal of Civil Stores and Eqpt
27, 57	Native villages, out of bounds
36	Motor vehs, passengers in
37	Launches and Boats
38	Roads and Tracks
40	Muster Parades
41	Report of O C Tps
44	Limiting weight on brs

/51 Working parties

<u>Order No.</u>	<u>Subject</u>
51	Working parties, offrs and N.C.O's
54	Hyg
61	Dealings with natives
63,76	Coordination of tpt
67	Tent floors
80	Working parties, coordination of
81,87,118	Traffic control
84	Postal address
85	Pilfering
88	Salvage
89,126	Dental
91	Drums 4 gal.
93	Supply
96	Bills of lading and ships' manifests
108	Censorship
112	Steel helmets
113	Floating refuse
114	Intoxicating liquor and natives
123	Flying boats
124	Amn
125	Casualties
127	Tobacco Tins
136	Air raid, siren
144	Indents for medical stores
145	Weekly medical report
147	Reporting of accidents
148	Wearing of boots
151	F.P.O.68
156	Unit Serial numbers
158	Issuing of blankets to natives
159	A.A. forms 3118 and 3118 A
169	M.T.
170	Carrs M.G.
171	Ry tarpaulins
172	Shaving

176. MORTAR PRACTICE

(a) 3" Mortar practice will be fired by 25 Aust Inf Bn between 1000 and 1100 hrs 15 Aug from gun-pits on ridge at rd bend N.E. of GURNEY FIELD - ref map GILI GILI 012004.

(b) No. of rounds: 18

(c) Target areas:

1. Open swampy grassland 500 yds S.E. of East end of GURNEY FIELD (ref map GILI GILI 017995) - range 1100 yds.
2. Open country 400 yds North of rd bend on ridge (ref map GILI GILI 013007) - range 400 yds.

(d) Safety Precautions Area will be red-flagged and picketed by 25 bn between 0930 and 1130 hrs. Safety offr (Maj. R. WEPPNER) will determine R.A.A.F. safety requirements before 1800 hrs 14 Aug. Practice will be interrupted in the event of any friendly A/C coming in to land.

"A & Q"

J.B. Mahoney
Major

177. MOSQUITO NETS

There is a shortage of mosquito nets and all units holding a surplus will advise this H.Q.

178. CHURCH PARADES.

Church Parades on Sun 16 Aug will be as under:-
Mass will be celebrated at the following times:-

<u>R.C.</u>	25 Bn	...	0815 hrs
	61 Bn	...	1000 hrs
	9 Bn	...	1145 hrs

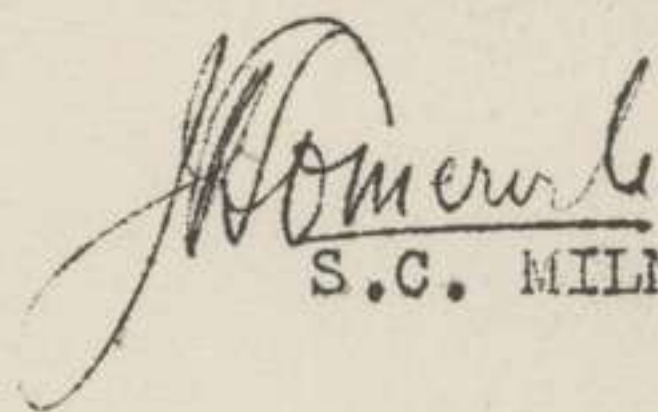
C. C. of E. Services will be held as under-

	9 Bn	...	0900 hrs
	M.D.S.	...	1100 hrs

O.P.D. 25 Bn ... 0815 hrs Bde H.Q. ... 0915 hrs 61 Bn .. 1030 hr

179. LOSS OF STORES

A hessian package branded MAT 88 (Amenities) has been removed from Bde Dump. Units will carry out a check of their stores to try and locate this package and if found, it will be returned to this H.Q.

 Capt.
S.C. MILNEFORCE

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

NOTICES.

FOUND Identity discs, the property of Q 108646 A.E. Russell, have been found on bank of KALOHI CK near Ford. These may be collected on application to H.Q. 25 Aust Coy A.S.C.

LOST Q17025 Pte. Davis, R.D. 9 Bn, reports the loss of his Great-coat at Pontoon Wharf on 5 Aug 42. Finder of same please return to this H.Q.

TO all units list "B"

FROM FALL RIVER

I 192

15

SITREP NO. 23 to 1800 hrs K/14 @ Sit up to 1200 hrs
 K/13 NO 22 not no 21 @ One @ JAP attack on DENIKI
 commenced 0950 K/13 with heavy firing front and
 left flank @ JAP patrol reported between ISUHANVA and
 DENIKI @ no air activity @ throughout day K/13 our
 Tpts resisted attack on DENIKI @ at 1700 K/13 we
 counter attacked and gained some ground. @ Tpts previously
 isolated at KUKUDA required main body @ New @ 09
 1530. K/13 enemy convoy consisting 4 Tpts 1 cruiser
 3 light naval escorts reported 20 miles from GUNA @ Allied
 A/c unsuccessfully attacked @ at 1815 hrs K/13 four
 Tpts stationary one mile off GUNA beach @ several
 small landing craft observed between Tpts and beach @
 one vessel may possibly have been tanker @ 3 warships
 last seen on NORTHERLY course

NOT I/W/T.

sgt C.M. TURBAYNE Lieut

0850

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APPX 50

To FALL RIVER - via MORESBY HORN IS. MAREEBA CAIRNS

From HQ NEA AAF A 208 10/8

For Info - HQ AAF. Op. Instr. No 15/1942 date 24 Feb.
places all US and Australian Air Forces in MILNE BAY
under operational control of Offr. Commanding MILNE FORCE
- Local Comd. AAF at FALL RIVER may have to carry
out orders from ACH TOWNSVILLE within these terms
of reference until enemy attack on FALL RIVER is imminent
or in progress at which stage Comd. MILNE FORCE
takes over - This control does NOT include striking
forces proceeding through FALL RIVER under orders
from higher authority - Directive will be
issued

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ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 15 Aug 42

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"	"	" 17	" to	" 18	"	"	" 3
"	"	" 18	" to	" 19	"	"	" 18

181. CRASHED A/C

(a) To facilitate identification of crashed enemy or friendly A/C, search parties will especially look for and report upon the following pts:-

- (a) Squadron Markings.
- (b) Manufacturers' Name Plates (noting position from where taken).
- (c) Armament, position, calibre and Serial Numbers of Guns or Cannon.
- (d) Outline and measurements of wings and tail.
- (e) Number of engines and their Serial Numbers.
- (f) Shape of nose (in case of bombers), and tail.
- (g) All personal effects, papers etc, of pilots dead or alive.
- (h) Clothing tabs of dead pilots.
- (i) Description as to physical features and age of pilot
- (j) If equipped with radio
- (k) If equipped with armour plate.
- (l) Position of Fuel Tanks
- (m) Photographs of parts if possible.

(b) If salvage is possible, preference will be given to radio eqpt.

"A & Q"

182. HYGIENE REPORTS

Details of 11 Aust Fd Hyg Sec att to Units of 7 Aust Inf Bde will furnish reports in duplicate, original to be sent direct to reach this H.Q. by 1400 hrs each Wed, copy to be handed to C.O. of Unit.

J. Romerwell
Capt.
Staff Capt.

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MILNEFORCE OP INSTN NO 4

DOGURA DET

Ref maps: Aust Aeronautical sheet C 9 15.55 mls to 1 in.
 Eastern Div PAPUA sheet 1 4 mls to 1 in.

To Comd 25 Aust Inf Bn.

INFM

1. JAPS may attempt penetration into MILNEFORCE area by movt overland from BUNA or by further landings on the North coast of S.E NEW GUINEA.

2. One pl 61 Aust Inf Bn with W/T comn to this H.Q. is now established at TAUPOTA.

TASK

3. You will establish by 20 Aug 42 the following det at WEDAU (DOGURA MISSION) :-

Comd	Capt J.E. DUGGAN	25 Aust Inf Bn.
	"D" Coy	25 Aust Inf Bn.
	one pl E (MG) Coy	25 Aust Inf Bn.

ROLE

4. (a) To safeguard DOGURA area against hostile penetration and particularly to watch tracks leading East along the North coast and overland from DOGURA to MILNE BAY. (Contact patrols with det 61 Bn at TAUPOTA).

(b) To safeguard landing places in immediate vicinity DOGURA.
 (c) To recce as far to N.W. as incl BOIANAI (DOGURA BAY), map the area and tracks, and report on sites suitable for A/C landing strips.

SPECIAL INSTNS FOR RECCE.

5. In recce reports particular attention will be paid to nature of soil for landing strips, water supply, trees and cover, M.T. tracks (if any), anchorages and wharfage, depths for large vessels, and whether areas lend themselves to lay-out and arrangements as at GURNEY FIELD.

MOVT OF PER

6. Per (less 1 N.C. O. and 4 O.Rs detailed in para 7 c) will move overland with light eqpt, armed with T.S.M.Gs and rifles, leaving GILI GILI 0800 17 Aug.

HY EQPT

7.(a) M.M.Gs, L.M.Gs, Amn, tools, sups, hy bag and eqpt, tent flies will be sent by vessel MACLAREN KING expected GILI GILI for loading 17 Aug.

(b) Capacity of MACLAREN KING is 20 tons, of which 4 tons is reserved for A.N.G.A.U.

(c) 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.Rs 25 Bn will move in MACLAREN KING as guard and unloading party.

(d) 3 O.Rs and wireless sta provided by H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde will move in MACLAREN KING.

AMN

8 Amn for 30 days will be loaded on MACLAREN KING by 25 Bn.

SUPS

9 (a) Rations and canteen stores for 30 days will be loaded on MACLAREN KING by 25 Bn.

(b) Overland party will carry three (3) days rations and one emergency ration.

TOOLS

10 25 Bn will supply following tools :-

Picks	40
Shovels	40
Axes	15

TODLS Contd.

Bill-hooks or machetes	25
Saws, cross-cut	2
wire and star pickets	

INTERCOMN

- 11 Code name for this det is CLIFTON.
- 12 One No 11 set and per will be provided by H.Q. 7 Aust Inf Bde. Wireless will be used in emergency only and messages will be in reporting code issued by this H.Q.
- 13 25 Bn will send a contact patrol weekly to CLIFTON and this patrol will bring back written reports from CLIFTON to 7 Aust Inf Bde.
- 14 Regular visits by MACLAREN KING will be arranged by 7 Aust Inf Bde.

ACK.

Signed at 1650 hrs

Issued by L.O.


 H.Q. MILNEFORCE Maj

DISTRIBUTION

- | | | |
|----------|-------|--------------------------|
| Copy No | 1 | 25 Aust Inf Bn |
| | 2 | Captt J.E. DUGGAN, 25 Bn |
| | 3 | Harbour Master |
| | 4 | A.N.G.A.U. |
| | 5 | Comd |
| | 6 | Staff |
| for infm | 7 | H.Q. MILNEFORCE |
| " " | 8 | 18 Aust Inf Bde |
| " " | 9 | R.A.A.F. O.B. |
| " " | 10 | 9 Aust Inf Bn |
| " " | 11 | 61 Aust Inf Bn |
| " " | 12 | N.G.F. |
| " " | 13-14 | War Diary |
| | 15 | File |

To MILNEFORCE

From _____

Received MILNEFORCE Op Instn No 4 dated

15 AAug 42.

_____ Hour	_____ Rank
_____ Date	_____ Appointment

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by
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date: 16 Aug 42

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"	"	"	17 "	to	"	18 Aug	3
"	"	"	18 "	to	"	19 "	18
"	"	"	19 "	to	"	20 "	13

184 AIR RAID REPORTS

To facilitate compilation of a full report, Units will collate all observations reported and furnish report to I.O. this H.Q. within 6 hrs after all clear. Special attention to bearings will assist in the location of crashed Aircraft. The report must be detailed and reason for believing that Aircraft have crashed will be stated.

Preliminary reports of crashes or probable crashes will be phoned at time of sighting.

If crashes are in close proximity, patrols will be sent out immediately after reference to this H.Q., in order to

- (a) apprehend Jap pilots, or
- (b) render assistance or relief to our own pilots.

Native guides are immediately available at ANGAU for any extensive patrol required.

J. Mahoney
Major

"A & Q"

185. TRAFFIC CONTROL

Drivers will use particular care on all narrow sections of road especially between HAGITA and WAIGANI. Vehicles must not be driven at excessive speeds on any roads in the area and right of way must be given to two wheel drive trucks and staff cars which cannot negotiate the grass verges and steep banks of the road.

The practice of driving right up to a vehicle approaching from the opposite direction and thus restricting choice of passing places will cease. Drivers will look well ahead and halt on standings and suitable places to allow wide and heavy vehicles the opportunity to pass narrow sections.

No vehicle must be left standing on any narrow road while materials are being loaded and unloaded.

186. BATHING IN STREAMS

Attention is again drawn to bathing above water pts. Units will erect signboards as follows

NO BATHING
WATER POINT BELOW

in a conspicuous posn at pools above water pts in their areas and report to this H.Q. Army No., Name and rank of all offenders so that disciplinary action may be taken.

187. BATHING IN THE NUDE BEFORE NATIVES

It is only by retaining the respect of the natives of this country that we can hope for full cooperation

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in the task that we have before us. The white population of NEW GUINEA have built up this respect for the white man and it is for us to see that by no action of ours is our prestige lowered.

For a white man to expose his naked body before a native means that we all as a race lose caste in the eyes of the native and it is therefore essential if tps bathe in the nude that a sentry must be posted to prevent natives approaching.

Where available trunks must be worn.

188. DEALINGS WITH NATIVES (Ref R.O. No.61 of 23 Jul)

(a) The Aust administration in New Guinea has spent yrs in securing the respect and cooperation of the natives. All ranks must assist in maintaining this relationship. A District Officer (Capt. L. AUSTIN) and a det of Australian New Guinea Administration Unit is established in this area. All dealings with natives will be through the D.O. and his advice on general matters relating to natives will be followed (See R.O.s 21,22).

(b) The following infm on native customs is to be promulgated to all ranks (preferably in a lecturette):-

i. Village Policemen are appointed to control gps of villages. Single villages have as their heads Councillors who are appointed by the people themselves. Most Village Policemen (V.Cs) understand English to a certain extent and, when properly approached will be able to give valuable infm to men and patrols. The V.C. reports to the Magistrate all breaches of the peace. In this and his other adm work he is assisted by the Councillors.

ii. Natives are encouraged to take a pride in themselves and their houses, villages, gardens and roads. The house and gardens are often the only assets the native possesses; he lives by them. Therefore any damage caused to these assets without first asking his permission or without giving due compensation will undoubtedly lead to lack of cooperation between native and white man, and a loss of the good-will now existing. The native's pride in himself must also be safeguarded; this can be done by observing the physical and moral rules of decency.

iii. Natives themselves do not show their private parts or go entirely naked even in their own villages and they are liable to punishment for doing so in front of white people. Tps must not appear naked or relieve themselves in the sight of natives. Lack of self-respect in this matter would lower the white men in the native's estimation.

iv. Pilfering from cargo, stores in transit or in dumps, besides being a punishable offence, is also a bad example to natives. Severe penalties are imposed on natives for theft in order to train their minds against it. They are very observant and soldiers must avoid pilfering of any kind.

v. Fowls, pigs, dogs and other livestock in and around villages are all owned by someone and must not be treated as public property. They may be acquired by purchase. This applies to coconuts also. Every tree has its owner.

If trees must be cut down for military reasons, the fact must be reported to the D.O. so that compensation to the native concerned may be arranged.

vi. All native in this district are primed to give infm of things they see and hear which they think may be valuable to us. They also bring to this centre salvaged gear from wrecked planes. For this they are rewarded by the government. Any native who reports with infm or eqpt should be sent to the D.O. for the reward.

vii. In purchasing food or articles from natives care should be exercised that an exorbitant price is not paid nor should insufficient payment be given.

viii. **No natives** working for the government, whether casually or permanently, is to be given payment for work done in the course of duty. This applies especially to policemen. If a V.C. or councillor is consulted for infm or gives other assistance, it is in order to give him some small compensation. Assistance given to patrols by V.Cs or councillors should be reported to D.O.

ix. Natives are human beings and have human feelings. When treated as human beings, they give valuable assistance. Any other treatment is wrong and can have unfortunate results.

189. M.T. Ford V8 Utility No. 56050 on charge to 61 Aust Inf Bn is to be returned to this H.Q. immediately.

190. DUMPING OF RUBBISH Rubbish is to be disposed of in Unit areas by incineration, then burial. Rubbish will not be dumped along creek banks.

J. J. Somerville Capt.
Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

16 Aug 42.

FALL RIVER

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No 6

(Based on infm received up to 1200 hrs 16 Aug)

To all units list "B"

SECTION A OPERATIONS INTELLIGENCE

1. Enemy dispositions NIL

2. Enemy ground activity

KOKODA On 4 Aug Japanese were reported in occupation of YODDA and IOMA. At 0900 hrs on 8 Aug fighting at KOKODA recommenced. Our tps attacked from DENIKI against prepared posns, pushing the enemy back 1000 yds and capturing L.M.G's, rifles and equipment. Our tps after slow progress returned to DENIKI. The enemy counter attacked DENIKI at 1730 hrs and again attacked at 0745 hrs on 9 Aug, in both cases unsuccessfully. Enemy had 24 killed and over 25 wounded, while we suffered 3 killed and 6 wounded. Meanwhile more of our tps had consolidated on KOKODA aerodrome by 1330 hrs on 9 Aug. They captured much enemy equipment including a 2 inch mortar, we suffered no casualties. This force was still in occupation of KOKODA at 1900 hrs on 10 Aug. but no patrols from main body at DENIKI had succeeded in reaching them. Eventually this force rejoined main body at DENIKI on 13 Aug.

The enemy commenced a second attack on DENIKI at 0950 hrs on 13 Aug supported by heavy fire on front and left flank, but without air support. Our tps resisted this attack, and at 1700 hrs on same day counter attacked and gained some ground.

SALAMAUA On 7 Aug it was reported that the enemy had penetrated the NADZAB GABSONKEK area.

3. Enemy Air Action

(a) General The Zero which was thought to have crashed during FALL RIVER raid No 1 on 4 Aug was located by a patrol at 1530 hrs on 7 Aug in the STIRLING RA. vic WARPIE village. The plane and pilot were burnt. Several villages reported that another Zero had crashed into the sea North of TAUPOTA following this raid.

(b) Attacks

(FALL RIVER Raid No 2) from 1230 to 1310 on 11 Aug. 7 Zeros were intercepted by 19 of our P.40's. Hits were claimed by many fighters. A.A. engaged the Zeros scoring many definite hits, and preventing ground strafing. 3 Zeros were probably destroyed. 1 of our aircraft burst into flames in attempting to land. Another crashed near B0. Both pilots were killed. 2 are missing.

(c) Our attacks

LAE and SALAMAUA aerodromes were attacked on 6 Aug. 10 tons of bombs were dropped on LAE 'drome. Again on 7 Aug LAE drome was attacked by 6 Marauders. 4 2000 lb bombs were dropped on the centre of the runway and 2 in the dispersal area.

VUNAKANAU was bombed at 1130 hrs on 7 Aug by 13 fortresses. 90 500 lb demolition bombs were dropped on the target area. Approximately 20 Zeros intercepted the raid and 7 were shot down while one fortress was lost. This place was again attacked on the night of 9 Aug and a petrol dump was hit.

RABAU was attacked on the night of 9 Aug by catalinas. One bomber was destroyed on the ground.

BUNA CONVOY 13 Aug. This convoy was attacked by 3 Fortresses from 16000 feet. There were no hits. 6 Zeros intercepted. 1 was destroyed, 1 probably while 3 were damaged. 4 Marauders attacked the convoy at 1515 hrs. 7 Zeros intercepted and 1 was possibly destroyed. 1 Marauder crash landed at PORLOCK HARBOUR. 3 Fortresses again attacked the convoy at 1815 hrs.

4. Enemy Sig. Activities Nil.

5. Enemy Naval

There has been much movement of enemy shipping between NEW BRITAIN and the SOLOMONS, and concentration in RABAUL HARBOUR.

BUNA Convoy (ref para 3) At 1815 hrs K/13 a Jap convoy was off GONA BEACH, 4 merchant vessels (possibly 1 tanker) were 1 mile off shore. 3 Warships were last seen on a Northerly course.

It is indicated that there are enemy submarines in the SOLOMONS and NEW HEBRIDES waters. 2 submarines were reported near MURRAY ISLAND at 0930 hrs on 7 Aug. At 1320 hrs on 10 Aug, 3 submarines, 1 cruiser, 1 destroyer were sighted off TABRA ISLAND on a Southerly course.

RABAUL Aerial photographs taken on 12 Aug reveal in RABAUL HARBOUR 1 heavy cruiser, 2 light cruisers, 1 destroyer, 2 minelayers, 15 tpts, (2 damaged), 6 flying-boats.

6. Enemy Use of Gas Nil.

7. Enemy O.D.B. Details Nil.

SECTION B - ENEMY TECHNICAL AND ADM INTELLIGENCE

8. Works

KAVIENG. Photographs taken 6 Aug suggest runway reinforced since 28 Jul.

GUADACANAL. Aerodrome is reported to be completed to 1200 yds in good condition.

NEW GUINEA. Possible landing strips sighted near MADANG.

9. Rear Organisation Nil.

SECTION C GENERAL INTELLIGENCE

10. Enemy policy and methods

(b) Methods used in attack

Japs in KOKODA are reported to be using smoke.

11. Enemy policy in Technical Matters

Nil

12. Enemy methods of deception

Nil

13. Enemy Security Intelligence

Nil

14. Captured War Material

Our tps in taking KOKODA on 9 Aug captured enemy equipment, ammunition, medical supplies and a 2 inch mortar.

15. Topography

Recce has been made by units over the following tracks

<u>Track No</u>	<u>Termini Points</u>
1	BALAGA to MULLEN'S HARBOUR
2	RABI or K.B. MISSION to TAUPOTA
3	GIHI or KANAKO to TAUPOTA
4	GIHI to GARIUPUTA
5	GILI GILI to KILLERTON PT.
6	HAGITA to BARTLE BAY
7	VIEI to TOPURA
8	VIEI to HIOGE
9	HAGITA to TOPURA
10	KALOHI to TAUPOLA
11	BALAGA to WAMA WAMANA
12	HAGITA to WAMA WAMANA
13	LILIHOE to ANNIE INLET
14	
15	TAUPOTA to AWAIAMA
16	AWAIAMA to KINIRURA

Track No

Termini Points

17

18

KILLERTON PT to KINIRURA

19

20

KILLERTON PT to BO

21

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23

TAUPOTA to DOGURA (Coastal route)

Signed at 1226 hrs

(M Turbayne)

Lieut.

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MILNEFORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 17 Aug 42

"G"

191. PASSWORD (Ref S M M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	17 Aug	to	1800	18 Aug	Serial No	
"	"	"	18	"	19	"	3
"	"	"	19	"	20	"	18
"	"	"	20	"	21	"	13
"	"	"	20	"	21	"	16

Homerville Capt.
for Major

"A & Q"

NIL

Homerville Capt.
Staff Capt.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPILATION OF A.F. W.3006

1. The following instructions on the compilation of A.F. W 3006, which, if observed, will ensure uniformity of rendition and facilitate maintenance of personnel, are to be rigidly adhered to.

This state will be prepared by Os C all units showing the position of the unit as at 0600 hrs, and fwd to reach this H.Q. by 0900 hrs daily.

2. The letters prefixed in the text of the message Form (para 3) indicate:-

- Losses since last state was rendered (Offrs and Other Ranks).
- ax Battle casualties (killed and wounded during preceding 24 hrs).
 - ay Sick (evacuated beyond R.A.P. during preceding 24 hrs).
 - az Other causes, transfers etc. (This means losses from Posted Strength and includes)
 - (1) Inter-unit transfers arranged direct.
 - (2) Transfers to area for exemption or discharge.
 - (3) Men sent to detention for a period in excess of 28 days.
 - (4) Men sent to Potential Offrs school who will go on an 'X' List.

It does NOT include

- (1) Men on leave.
- (2) Men at school.
- (3) Men temporarily detached for working parties etc.
- (4) Men in detention for less than 28 days.
- (5) Men A.W.L.

Personnel falling in these latter categories will be shown on total under 'G'. When returned to Unit or transferred to 'X' List, number appearing under 'G' is automatically reduced.

B. Reinforcements (Offrs and O.R's) received during preceding 24 hrs.

- This includes
- (1) Drafts or Reinforcements from Tng Bns etc.
 - (2) Men transferred in from other units direct.
 - (3) Men on 'X' List returned to Unit.

It does NOT include men returning from leave, schools, detention, working parties etc. These are numerically accounted for by reducing figures appearing under 'G'.

C. Total Strength NOW present with Unit excluding all attached.

The important words are NOW PRESENT. Only men on posted strength of Unit, to be included, therefore, Chaplains, R.M.O's, A.A.M.S. personnel, A.A.O.C. personnel, Bootmakers, Armourers etc NOT to be shown. Really ration strength less all attached.

D. Names of Officer Battle Casualties.

E. Total strength all Offrs and O.R's attached against W.E.

This includes R.M.O. Padre, A.A.M.C. Details, A.A.O.C. Post, who are shown as attached on Unit W.E.

F. Total strength all other personnel attached, for work, discipline and administration.

G. Total strength all Offrs and O.R's Detached.

This includes; Men on leave, A.W.L., at Schools, in detention at F.P. compound, working parties etc., and all men awaiting transfer to X List (in hospital etc). When a Part II Order is received from Base transferring a man to 'X' List, the total of 'Detached' will automatically be reduced.

3. The message would therefore read as per following example:-

W,3006

To FORCE H.Q.	Orig. No.	Date.
From ?	Q 150	18

STRENGTH STATE. Ax 2 and 5 Ay - and 3 Az 1 and -
B - and - C 27 and 745 D killed Capt S.E.Smith, wounded
Capt.E.A.Boyce E 4 and 12 F 1 and 1 G 2 and 10 .
Sgd.Capt.C.J.Donaldson.

This message would mean:
Losses for preceding 24 hrs.

	Offs.	O.R's.
Ax Battle Casualties	2	5
Ay Sick evacuated beyond R.A.P.	-	3
Az Other Causes Transfers etc.	1	-
B Reinforcements received during preceding 24 hrs.	-	-
C Total strength NOW present with Unit (excl all attached)	27	745
D Names of Officer Battle Casualties.	Killed Capt.S.E.Smith Wounded Capt.E.A.Boyce	
E Total strength all Offs & O.R's attached against W.E.	4	12
F Total strength all Offs & O.R's attached not on W.E.	1	1
G Total strength all Offs & O.R's detached	2	10

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Romewell Capt.
Staff Capt. MILNEFORCE

apprec 56

To all units list "B"

From Fall River

I 195 17

Sitrep no 24 to 1200 K/17.

ONE enemy ground activity . KOKODA .

fighting continued late night K/13 and also

morning K/14 . 1045 K/14 our tps

in face of superior numbers withdrew towards

ISURAVA . enemy casualties DENIKI estimated 300

. 1000 K/15 forward patrol met enemy

strength unknown about one mile south DENIKI

. enemy casualties at least five ours

nil . captured maps prove Japs know

of possible alternative route MORESBY

. 1930 K/16 situation unchanged

SALAMAUA AREA . K/9/10 enemy patrol reported

near NGASA WAMPUM . BUNA area .

K/13 aerodrome reported under construction BUNA

. TWO enemy naval . Jap convoy

reported left GONA morning K/14

NOT WT

(M Turbayne)

Lieut. 2210 hrs.

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MILNEFORCE
ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1
by
BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 18 Aug 42

"G"

192. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

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"	"	"	19	"	"	20	"	"	" 13
"	"	"	20	"	"	21	"	"	" 16
"	"	"	21	"	"	22	"	"	" 10

*A.A. Krebs Lieut
for Major*

"A & Q"

NIL

*A.A. Krebs Lieut
for Staff Capt.*

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NOTICES

2/9 Aust Lt A.A. Bty reports the loss of a spare wheel and tyre of tractor No. H. 4413233 on the WAIGANI road between GURNEY FIELD and WAIGANI Hospital between the hours of 1315 and 1415 14 Aug 42. Size of tyre 10.50 x 20.

Finder of same please return to 2/9 lt A.A. Bty.

LOST Lieut. A.J. Harlen reports the loss of one belt webbing in Force H.Q. area. Finder of same please return to this H.Q.

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To all units List 'B'

From FALL RIVER

I 197

18

SITREP No 25 to 1600 hrs K/18
 one enemy air PAPUA
 1108 K/18 UI planes reported over EGUM
 ISLANDS heading SW but no hostile a/c
 observed FALL RIVER 0922 K/17 air
 raid reported in progress MORESBY two
 enemy naval SOLOMONS 8 or 9
 enemy submarines indicated SOLOMON ISLAND NEW CALEDONIA
 area 1115 K/15 1 destroyer 1
 tender reported off RENDOVA ISLAND K/16
 nil activity seen BUKA 1045 K/16
 1 cruiser 2 UI vessels 1 merchant
 ship stationary at 02°45' S 128°42' E NEW
 BRITAIN 1030 K/16 16 medium vessels
 10 smaller vessels sighted RABAUL three
 enemy works K/16 possible landing strip
 sighted north WILLAUMEZ PENINSULA

NOT WT

(M) Turbayne

Lieut

2130

hrs

Appmc 59

To G.O.R., R.A.A.F. Ops, 18 Bde, 9 Bn, 25 Bn, 61 Bn

From FALL RIVER

I 198

18

SECRET . SIHREP No 26 to 1800 hrs
 K/18 . one . Enemy ground activity .
 KOKODA area . Lt-Col Gonner took over command
 39 bn 1630 K/16 . 0945 K/16 forward
 patrol near DENIKI under fire but posn held
 . otherwise situation unchanged . casualties to 1200
 K/17 2 offrs 19 0 Rs killed 2 offrs
 30 0 Rs missing 1 offr 26 0 Rs wounded
 5 0 Rs died of wounds 2 0 Rs accidentally
 wounded . Two . enemy air activity .
 MORESBY raid 78 0915-0930 K/17 . 24 heavy
 twin-engined bombers escorted by fighters dropped approx
 150 demolition and fragmentation bombs SEVEN MILE runway
 and dispersal areas . 3 B26s 1 DC5
 permanently unserviceable . 3 tpt and other
 a/c temporarily unserviceable . Control tower Base
 operation room and 44 drums gasoline burnt .
 A/A engaged at 23000 ft . 20 fighters
 failed to intercept

NOT WT

CM Turbayne

Lieut 2130 hrs

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MILNEFORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 19 Aug 42

"G"

193. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	19	Aug	to	1800	20	Aug	Serial No	13
"	"	1800	20	"	to	"	21	"	" 16
"	"	"	21	"	to	"	22	"	" 10
"	"	"	22	"	to	"	23	"	" 14

194. UNAUTHORIZED SHOOTING (To be rptd in unit orders and read to all ranks)

On 18 Aug several tents in biv area of 25 Aust Inf Bn were perforated by small arms fire from areas to the East.

All units will warn all ranks that there must be no shooting except for operational reasons or on an authorized rifle range.

Casualties may be caused by indiscriminate use of weapons. Units will take disciplinary action against offenders.

J.B. Mahoney Major

"A & Q"

NIL

J. Somerville Capt
Staff Capt.

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NOTICE LOST One case labelled MAT 9 and Red Cross missing from stores of 11 Aust Fd Amb. Case contains drugs and several hypodermic syringes. Units will conduct a check of their stores to try to locate this case. Any information on same to be supplied to this H.Q. or 11 Aust Fd Amb.

Uppo 61

TO. G.O.R., 18 Aust Inf Bde, 9 Pw, 25 Pw, 61 Pw, RAAF. Cpo.

FROM
Jall Ri et.

I 199. 19

Secdet Subrep No 27 to 1200 hrs K/19

One. enemy ground activity. KOKODA.

1800 K/18 7 Aust Div assumed comd

otherwise situation unchanged. SALAMAUA

area K/17 report no enemy activity

MARKHAM VALLEY WEST of NEASAWAMPUM

area. LAE 1335 K/17 33 A/C

landed. 0640 K/18 11 bombs

3 fighters took off. possibly A/C

returning from MORESBY raid.

1250 K/18 approx 17 jets possibly

3 bombs on LAE actodome

NOT W/T

CM Tuboyne Lieut 1430 hrs

appc 62 X

SECRET
COPY NO 62
19 Aug 42.

MILNEFORCE OP INSTN NO 5.
ATTACK AGAINST AIR-BORNE TPS

To Comds all units list "B"

INFM

1. Intell reports indicate possibility of early use of paratps by JAPS in NEW GUINEA

METHOD OF ATTACK

2. A determined attempt to seize landing strips will form part of any JAP attack on this area. This may include the use of paratps or other air-borne tps.

3. Such an attack will probably be preceded (or even accompanied) by an intensive bombing and ground-strafting of the perimeter defs of landing strips with the object of destroying or neutralizing A/A gun and inf posns.

4. Paratps may then be dropped in order to secure the perimeter and thereafter enemy tp-carrying planes may land on the runway or even be crash-landed on partially completed strips or in open spaces near runways with a view to rapid reinfmnt of their paratps.

5. Paratps may also attempt to destroy Air Force ground installations, port facilities, signal comns, R.D.F. or other wireless stas.

PARATPS

6. Paratps are most vulnerable while they are landing and just after landing. Their power to do damage increases with every minute they are left unattacked.

OFFENSIVE ACTION

7. All our tps must be filled with the determination to hunt out paratps and destroy them before they can get hold of their weapons and become organized on the ground. Quick action is absolutely vital and the nearest unit will immediately attack paratps without waiting for orders from higher authority. Special efforts must be made to pick off leaders and to prevent paratps from reaching their ~~hy~~ weapons dropped in separate containers.

8. In this type of warfare there is no front and no rear and there are no non-combatants. All units and sub-units, incl adm units, must be organized for their own def and must be vigilant all the time. Engr Coys engaged in aerodrome and other construction work, and all working parties, must have their weapons close by them and be ready to go into action immediately. This applies to all tps at all times.

REPORTING OF PARATPS.

9. If tp-carrying planes or paratps are sighted, they must be reported immediately by quickest means to this H.Q.

PERIMETER DEF OF LANDING GROUNDS

10. Responsibility for perimeter def of landing grounds, completed or being constructed, is as follows:-

- GURNEY FIELD 25 Aust Inf Bn.
- No 2 Strip, WAIGANI 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.
- No 3 Strip 61 Aust Inf Bn.

11: Perimeter defs will be occupied day and night.
12: Tps occupying def localities on the perimeter of landing strips must NOT leave their posns to pursue paratps who have landed. This work must be undertaken by a suitable mob res.

MOB RES.

13 Inf Bns responsible for perimeter def of landing strips will each detail daily (from first light to dark) one inf pl with four lt vans and one sec carrs for action against paratps as the situation requires in the vicinity of the runway they are defending. These tps will continue their normal work but will be kept in close comm with Bn H.Q. and with tpt readily available. They will be equipped with at least two T.S.M.G's per sec in addition to L.M.G. with tree-spike.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

14 Each unit will detail (and rehearse) its own mob anti-paratp squad for operating in its own biv or working area. Reliance must NOT be placed on mob res of 2/12, 25 and 61 bns which are meant for operations in the immediate area of their own runways. All tps must be trained to attack any paratps who appear in their posns and the unit mob anti-paratp squad must seek out and destroy those in nearby localities. Strength of anti-paratp squad will be on the basis of one pl per bn or equivalent unit.

ACK.

Signed at 1400 hrs

Issued by L.O's.

J. B. Mahoney Maj.
H.Q. MILNEFORCE.

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To MILNEFORCE

From _____

dated 19 Aug 42. Receipt is acknowledged of MILNEFORCE OP INSTN No 5

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6 61 Aust Inf Bn.
7 25 Aust Coy A.S.C.
8 11 Aust Fd Amb
9 101 Ind Bde Gp Ord Wkshop
10 101 Ind Bde Gp Ord Fd Pk.
11 H.Q. 18 Aust Inf Bde
12 9 Bty 2/5 Aust Fd Regt
13 2/4 Aust Fd Coy
14 2/9 Aust Inf Bn.
15 2/10 Aust Inf Bn.
16 2/12 Aust Inf Bn.
17 2/6 Aust Coy A.S.C.
18 2/5 Aust Fd Amb
19 18 Bde sec Ord Wkshops
20 18 Bde sec Ord Fd Pk.
21 2/6 Aust hy A/A Bty
22 2/9 Aust lt A/A Bty
23 sec 23 Aust hy A/A Bty
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25 N.G.F. Sigs
26 123 F.O.D.
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30 75 Sqn R.A.A.F.
31 76 Sqn R.A.A.F.
32 37 Radio Sta
33 R.A.A.F. Sigs
34 Port Comd
35 C Bty 104 C.A. Bn (A.A.)
36 Pl 101 C.A. Bn (A/A)
37 709 Airborne A/A Arty.
38 8 Fighter Control Sqn
39 694 Sig Plotting Pl.
40 U.S. Port Det
41 Coy A 394 Q.M. Bn.
42 43 Engr Bn (less dets)
43 Coy E 46 Engr Bn.
44 Sta Hospital
45 Comd
46 - 50 Staff
51 Harbourmaster
52 - 60 Reserved
61 - 62 War Diary
63 Battle Board
64 - 65 File
66 New Guinea Force

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C M Turbayne Lieut for
Maj.
H.Q. MILNEFORCE.

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by
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Date 20 Aug 42

"G"

195. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period	from	1800	20	Aug	to	1800	21	Aug	Serial No	16
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"	"	"	22	"	to	"	23	"	"	" 14
"	"	"	23	"	to	"	24	"	"	" 19

196. RIFLE RANGE

A site for a Rifle Range has been selected at posn North of route 1 at point just West of Br 013005 (Ref map GILIGILI sheet 3" to 1 ml Direction of range, bearing 26° TRUE.

Range can be used up to 500^x. A water obstacle in the form of LAUIAM CK is just North of 300^x mound.

For practices up to 300^x targets may be erected on bank of creek and markers will use creek bank as butt shelter.

Units using range will make own target arrangements. All firing must be directed at targets and under no circumstances will firing at coconut trees be permitted.

Other unit responsibilities will include:-

- (i) Posting of sentries
- (ii) Providing and posting red flags
- (iii) Clearing cattle from danger area.

Patrols and natives will not be sent into foothills or range at rear of butts on allotted range days. Units or sub-units requiring range will apply to Force H.Q. at least 48 hrs in advance.

197. ALLOTMENT OF FORCE RIFLE RANGE

The above rifle range is allotted to 101 C.A. Bn (A/A) for 21-22-23-24 Aug for zeroing and testing small cal. weapons between 0800 hrs and 1630 hrs daily.

Units will warn all tps to keep clear.

J.B. Mahoney
Major.

"A & Q"

NIL

J.B. Mahoney
Staff Capt. Capt.

DISTRIBUTION List 'A'

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Appx 65

~~1177 Aust Inf Bde~~

16 Aug 42

TO Fall River

FROM Clifton

D.P. 1

Secret

Aus Party arrived 1000 hrs 18 Aug 42.

Unloading operations completed without incident.

ELEVARA^L arrived with additional stores, amm and baggage 1630 hrs 19 Aug 42. Remainder of stores incl tools, tents and stores still to be fwd. Request that OE. GAMA make arrangements for feeding earliest opportunity. Marching personnel arrived 1600 hrs 20 Aug 42. Extremely difficult for large body of tps operate efficiently for long length of time with loads at present carried on mountain paths. This problem will be discussed and suggestions submitted later reports.

Our present location has definite port possibilities for larger force. Water of high quality available unlimited quantities. Wharfage facilities are good for small (up to 200 tons) island vessels and can be improved to accommodate large ocean going boats without much cost of time or materials. Timber suitable for wharfage facilities is not readily accessible. EAST EAST timber from SAMBARI best for this purpose.

Tactical features are good and low areas are well drained. Splendid woodmaking material available in unlimited quantities. For woodmaking and other constructional purposes specified in FALL RIVER O.O. whole area most suitable for use of bulldozers.

Chief disadvantage of area is lack of conceal tps of any size from aerial observation without concealing them in small localities. Because of absence of tents (which can be erected in certain areas without disclosing posn, and are therefore required quickly) it has been necessary to utilise limited available native huts for erection of native houses for stores and personnel. Erection of native houses is necessary to conceal presence of tps in areas which through doubtless

cover, require occupation by troops to confirm to sound tactical disposal of forces under command. I propose to proceed with the erection of native huts until disposition of forces and stores, amm., is satisfactory. Tobacco made available by A.M.C.A.U. is being utilised for part payment of labour. It is requested that A.M.C.A.U. be approached to provide rice to augment this payment. If approved request rice be sent first boat.

Area is suitable for use 1 ton truck and motor cycle. Request favourable consideration be given to funding above at earliest date. Truck can be carried on hatch MACLAREN KING and driven onto jetty at disembarkation point.

Detailed recon report Pt I and II will be fwd with sketch and disposition as early as possible.

At 1700 hrs 24 men have not arrived. About 9 men are finding difficulty continuing. Am sending whale boat to find casualties.

Sgt. John E. Luggan
Capt.

O.C. Clifton force.

Appx 66

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MILNEFORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

BRIGADIER JOHN FIELD

Date 21 Aug 42

"G"

198. PASSWORD (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	21 Aug	to	1800	22 Aug	Serial No	
"	"	"	22	"	23	"	14
"	"	"	23	"	24	"	19
"	"	"	24	"	25	"	2

Somerwill Capt. for Major

"A & Q"

199. RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC To minimise damage to rds in very wet weather, units will restrict traffic to essential vehs only. All must cooperate in keeping vehs off the rds.

200. CHURCH PARADES Sun 23 Aug 42 will be as under:-

- R.C. 0815 hrs ... 25 Bn H.Q.
- 1000 hrs ... 61 Bn H.Q.
- 1145 hrs ... 9 Bn H.Q.
- 0815 hrs ... 2/12 Bn H.Q.
- 1000 hrs ... 2/9 Bn H.Q.
- 1130 hrs ... 2/10 Bn H.Q.

C.E. Holy Communion Service will be held at 1000 hrs at H.Q. 18 Aust Inf Bde.

- P.D. 0700 hrs ... 24 Fd Coy & A.D.S.
- 0815 hrs ... 25 Bn H.Q.
- 0930 hrs ... 9 Bn H.Q.
- 1000, 1100 & 1400 hrs ... Coys of 61 Bn.

201. MEDICAL BOARDS Unit Medical Officers should submit requests for Medical Boards to A.D.M.S. for approval and arrangement.

Somerwill Capt. Staff Capt.

DISTRIBUTION LIST 'A'

NOTICES Q16112 Pte COLLIE N., 9 Aust Inf Bn, reports the loss of Rifle No. 7552. Anyone knowing whereabouts of this rifle please report to this H.Q.

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MILNEFORCE

ROUTINE ORDERS PART 1

by

MAJOR-GENERAL C.A. CLOWES D.S.O. M.C.

"G"

Date 22 Aug 42

202. PASSWORD: (Ref S.M. M 4 20 Jul)

Period from	1800	22 Aug	to	1800	23 Aug	Serial No	14
"	"	"	23	"	24	"	19
"	"	"	24	"	25	"	2
"	"	"	25	"	26	"	12

W. P. King
Col. G.S.

"A & Q"

203. LOCATION OF FORCE CEMETERY

Attention of units is directed to present location of Force Cemetery which is situated at Map Ref 994008 (GILI GILI Sheet).

Richard Gill
Col.
A.A. & Q.M.G.

DISTRIBUTION LIST 'A'

LAYOUT & DEFENCES

appx 69
Aug. W.D.

7 Bde HQ Area



SCALE 1" = 100 YARDS

LEGEND

- BREN ↔
- T.S.M.G. ↗
- WIRE *
- ROAD BLOCK X

appx 70.

FALL RIVER RAID 3

1445-1641 24 Aug.

8. Gap Fighters approached strip with intent to strafe. - all A.A engaged and diverted the raiders - A.A claim 3 possibles - All our A/c returned safely - no damage no casualties.

0 p/oc 71

4 Bn 25 Bn 61 Bn 9 Bty 2/5 Ed. Regt. 4 Bty 101 A/TK Regt
7 Bde. 0106 25

WARNING ORDER - All working parties cease work NOT essential
to dev. depts. - weapon pits and wiring to be pushed on
rapidly - 7ps. move to Battle positions - 7 days supply
amm and water retins to be placed in fighting posns -
work must go on irrespective of weather - 61 Bn prepare next
2 addtl. pls overland TAUPOTA today - Native carriers
will report HQ 61 Bn - unit ems. report this HQ 1300H25
-ACK

EX WIT.

(S/D) J C MAHONEY Maj

1200 hrs

25 Aug 42

Subject: First Report from DOGURA Det.

MILNEFORCE
25 Bn

Ref. MILNEFORCE op. Instr. No 4 date 15 Aug, here is a copy of message D.P.I. from O.C. DOGURA Det. timed 1700 H/20.

2 " Adv. party arr. 1000 hrs 18 Aug 42. Unloading operations completed without incident. ELAVALA arr. with addtl. stores, amm and baggage 1630 H/19. Remainder of stores incl tools, tents and stores still to be forwarded. Request that OE CAMA make arrangements for forwarding earliest opportunity. Marching personnel arr. 1600 hrs H/20. Extremely difficult for large body to operate efficiently for any length of time with loads at present carried on mountain paths. This problem will be discussed and suggestions submitted later reports "

3 " Our present location has definite tactical possibilities for larger force. Water of high quality available in unlimited quantity; wharfege facilities are good for small (200 tons) island vessels and can be improved to accommodate large ocean going boats without much cost of time or materials. Timber suitable for wharfege facilities is NOT readily available or accessible. CASI CASI timber from SAMARAI best for this purpose. "

4 " Tactical features are good and live areas are well-drained. Splendid rd. making materials available in unlimited quantity. For rd. making and other constructional purposes specified in FALL RIVER O.D. whole area most suitable for use of bull-dozers.

5 Chief disadvantage of area is lack of cover from aerial observation. It is NOT possible to conceal troops of any size from air observation without concentrating them in small localities. Because of absence of huts (which can be erected in certain areas without disclosing them, and are therefore reqd. quickly) it has been necessary to utilise limited available Native Labour for erection of native houses for stores and personnel. Erection of native houses is necessary to conceal presence of troops in areas, which though denuded of cover, require occupation by troops to conform with sound tactical dispersal of force under cover. I propose to proceed with the erection of native huts until dispersal of force, amm and stores is satisfactory. Tobacco made available by ANEAL is being utilised for part payment of labour. It is requested that ANEAL be approached to provide rice to augment this payment. If approved request rice be forwarded by first boat.

6 Area is suitable for use of 1 ton truck and M/C. Request favourable consideration be given to forwarding of above at early date. Truck can be carried on hatch of MCLAREN KING and driven onto jetty at disembarkation point.

7 Detailed Recce report PT 1 and 2 will be forwarded with sketch and disposals as early as possible

8 NOTE - at 1700 hrs 24 men have NOT arr. abt 9 men are funding difficulty in continuing. Rem. 15 men are assisting. Am sending whaleboat to find and assist casualties - Sgt John E. Duggan Capt

(194) JOHN FIELD Brig
Comd 7 Bde.

appx 75

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(Pads of 100.)
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MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP

TO *24 FA Coy, 1st Div, 101 AFK; 25 Coy ASC, 101 IBG OW*

FROM *7 Bde*

Originator's Number. *I 20*

Date. *26 AUG*

In Reply to Number.

<i>subrep</i>	<i>no 9</i>	<i>to</i>	<i>2200 hrs</i>	<i>K/26 0</i>	5
<i>enemy naval</i>	<i>0 shelling</i>	<i>commenced</i>	<i>2120 hrs</i>	<i>0 gun</i>	10
<i>flashes</i>	<i>bearing 120°</i>	<i>approx</i>	<i>8 miles</i>	<i>from</i>	15
<i>pontoon</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>shells</i>	<i>landed</i>	<i>in bay</i>	20
<i>1000 to</i>	<i>2000 yds</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>pontoon</i>	<i>and</i>	25
<i>security</i>	<i>KB mission</i>	<i>Co</i>	<i>mil</i>	<i>damage</i>	30
<i>reported</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>land</i>	<i>0 strength</i>	35
<i>enemy</i>	<i>landed</i>	<i>night</i>	<i>K/25/26</i>	<i>north</i>	40
<i>arm</i>	<i>MILNE</i>	<i>BAV</i>	<i>unknown</i>	<i>0</i>	45
<i>no</i>	<i>landings</i>	<i>reported</i>	<i>South</i>	<i>arm</i>	50
<i>bay</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>enemy</i>	<i>ford</i>	<i>Hps</i>	55
<i>reported</i>	<i>500 yds</i>	<i>east</i>	<i>K B MILSON</i>	<i>0800</i>	60
<i>hrs K/26</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>our</i>	<i>Hps</i>	<i>attacked</i>	65
<i>1630 hrs</i>	<i>suspected</i>	<i>by</i>	<i>bombing</i>	<i>and</i>	70
<i>army</i>	<i>fire</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>adv</i>	<i>approx</i>	75

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SIGNATURE * Originator may delete "except" and insert "including."				SIGNATURE (BELOW THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)								T.H.I.			
SYSTEM IN.	TIME IN.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.	T.O.R.			

MESSAGE FORM.

CALL AND INSTRUCTIONS.	IN	No. of Groups GR.	Serial No.
	OUT		OFFICE DATE STAMP

(ABOVE THIS LINE IS FOR SIGNALS USE ONLY.)

TO	Originator's Number.	Date.	In Reply to Number.
FROM			

(Write horizontally)

800	yds	0	estimated	enemy	5
nos	this	area	60	0	10
enemy	well	equipped	with	mortars	15
automatics	lommies	MMG	and	firing	20
from	concealed	posns	astide	nds	25
and	in	trees	0	enemy	30
tank	attempted	penetrate	our	lwd.	35
lines	^{this morning} 0	tank	com d	shot	40
0	tank	withdrew	0	8 other	45
japs	shot	0	our	casualties	50
in	attack	3	Killed	2 missing	55
2 wounded	0	some	our	lps	60
reported	fighting	at	A # 10 MA	morning	65
K/26					70
					75

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2310

T.H.I.

SYSTEM IN.	TIME IN.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.	SYSTEM OUT.	TIME OUT.	READER.	SENDER.

T.O.R.

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FALL RIVER RAID 4

0817-0900 27 Aug.

18 JAP bombers with escort 12 planes attacked -
A.A broke up formation - Fighters came on
towards strip - bombers flew over enemy
ground positions - A.A kept engaging as P.40's
were away on security patrol - Fighters
strapped strip 0830 and set fire to U/S. B.24
bomber - Lt AA almost certainly destroyed
6 JAP A/C including one bomber. - 4 Bombs
were dropped near strip - 1dy & Lt AA shot
down in all 4 Bombers 2 Fighters and possibly
3 fighters - B26 shot down 1 fighter - P.40's
shot down 1 Bomber and 2 Fighters with 1
Bomber probable - 3 enemy Bombers made
forced landing at TABLE BAY -

TO. Bde. Comd.

✓
A/p/20.77

FROM Col. MELDRUM - 27 Aug 42

1240 hrs - Own 1/2 at RABI are remnants of A B x C. Coys.
(Total strength 82) strength of each coy is unknown. C.O.
will endeavour to get this info. Coy comds. other than
Capt BICKS are Capt CAMPBELL C Coy and Lieut GOWLAND A
Coy.

Losses 61 Bn - Offrs 2 killed (Lieut SANDERSON B Coy and
Lieut KLINGNER, Motor offr)

Offrs 4 wounded (Lieuts KING x TOMLINSON, C Coy
Lieut ROBSON A Coy Lieut MCKAY B Coy.)

O.R.'s Killed 12

Wounded 13

Missing (not yet available)

NOTE - These figures are excl. of D. Coy ~~losses~~ losses.

25 Bn losses

O.R.'s KILLED 3

Wounded 2

Missing incl

Enemy strength estimated between 200 and 300. Equip.
mainly automatics and mortars. No further news of Capt. DAVIDSON
(Offrs with him Capt NIXON-SMITH and Lieut RITCHIE)

Burial of Dead

1 Cemetery at K. B.

2 " " RABI

Col. MELDRUM spoke of excellent work of Capt. BICKS.

TO.

9th Bn 25th Bn 16th Bn 2/10th Bn 9th Bn 4/5 Regt 4th Bn 101 A/C 24th Coy
25th Corp Coy.

FROM

7 Int Bde.

Secret set up NO 10 to 0200 hrs K/28. Enemy air

FALL RIVER RAID NO 4 by 8 Meisei bombs type 99. 12 jets

A/A claim 7 RAAF probably 3 shot down. 1 B24
bombed and burnt on strip. one our planes missing

(c) two enemy naval enemy convoy 8 vessels sighted
K/26 off NORMANBY IS. 3 warships reported in bay

naval bombardment twice during night K/26. one O/R
killed near GILI GILI jetty. convoy not sighted early

morning K/27 by our A/C. Three enemy land enemy
strength still unknown. our tps attacked afternoon

K/26 jap force K.B Mission. some advance. PM K/27
jap flanking move compelled return our tps. lost

contact with enemy here 0400 hrs' japs later reported
moving east along rd leaving many dead and some

left at K.B incl possible flame throwers. On air recce
reported nil enemy activity during day K/27. Our

tps advanced 600 yds east K.B. japs attacked
with 2 tanks 2022 hrs K/27. K.B mission reported

burnt during night. japs appear to be on high
ground NORTH and EAST K.B mission

Sgt C M Fairbairn
Int.

0320 hrs

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TO. { 9 Bn 25 Bn 61 Bn A & C Coy 9 Bn, 25 Comp Coy 9 Bty
2/57d Regt 4 Bty 101 A/TK 24 7d Coy 87cpts control

FROM 7 Bde I 52 29

Sit rep no. 11 to 1900 hrs K 29 @ 2030 K/27 2/10 Bn
attacked EAST K.B. Mission @ Barrage by enemy
naval force estimated 3 cruisers @ 0600 K/28 enemy
halted at ship No 3 @ 0935 K/28 2/10 Bn personnel
begin reporting to Bde and units @ 1130 by arty
barrage of reported enemy posns @ 1200 K/28 articles
captured at K.B. Mission 1 shoulder patch 3" Diam Red
star centre crossed anchors underneath also flag 2'6"
by 1'6" red circle in centre with radiating lines
of JAP characters from circle. @ 1605 K/28 Enemy
suspected using rubber boats @ nil enemy activity
during daylight RAAF strafed enemy posns @ 2007
K/28 mine fields closed @ night 28/29 quiet
except for desultory fire @ 0300 K/29 Patrols moving
out @ 0450 K/29 debking enemy posns @ Enemy
advancing KILABO @ 0910 K/29 scattered enemy
patrols EAST of KAPATU @ 1325 K/29 20'v² located
ditched enemy tanks KILABO @ 1730 K/29 one
JAP Cruiser 9 Destroyers reported heading this
way @ 1900 K/29 C.O. 2/10 Bn reported this HQ

Ex WIT

(29d) C.M. TURBAYNE Lieut 2400

TO 9 Bn 25 Bn 61 Bn A.C Coy 9 Bn 25 Coy AASC. 9 Bty 2/5 Bn
4 Bty 101 A/TK

FROM 7 Inf Ade.

I 53 30

Setup NO 12 to 1700h K/30. 2100 K/29 Reports
of signalling out to sea. 0035 K/30 receive plane
reported ship in Bay flames were dropped and heavy
A/A fire encountered. Gun sites on ship in Bay
possibly two. K/30 own patrols active all day.

Junks found beyond RAB1 have been disabled. 50 dead
mostly japs 8 or 9 of ours. One Aust dead with hands
tied behind back also one native similarly dead.

Air Action Log @ K/30 Mostly receive a little straggling
a barge 2 miles EAST of KB mission was strafed
by our planes but was reported not yet sunk

No sightings of enemy shipping today Captured
jap equipment has been collected including
uniform, mortar, Rifle and Howitzer.

sgt C M Zubayne
sent

TO Milnefare

FROM 7 Bde

I 54

31.

sets up M019 to 0200 hrs K/31 One enemy naval \odot
 enemy convoy NOT seen in bay night K/29 but at 2235 K/29
 gun site reported possible destruction. 2315 K/29 explosions
 heard in bay later reported one our a/c dropped flames
 on enemy ship via K.B. encountered by A/A. A.M. K/30
 no sightings enemy convoy 0845 K/30 area covered
 barge reported via K.B. being staffed as A/C \odot
 two enemy land \odot P.M. K/29 our a/c discharged japs
 from trees east M03 strip. M.G.s then fired on these japs
 several killed. K/30 little jap activity. only two
 reliable reports jap activity MILNE BAY Area.
 TAU POTO 1000 hrs reported jap section observed 1 mile
 east PUNI PUNI moving west. Fighting patrol of 4
 61 Bn half mile east M.B. 1600 hrs reported encountered
 4 japs. Patrol engaged japs with fire NOT returned.
 our patrol returned. our patrols K/30 covered
 wide area of front approx 50 japs dead between
 M03 strip and GANIA RIVER 8 on tpo. 1 on tpo
 dead with hands tied behind backs. Two enemy
 tanks demolished by our tpo EAST RABI.
 16 pl arrived overland from TAU POTA 1630 hrs K/30
 approx 60 men 2/10 Bn returned from B ILOBULOLO
 O.P. D Coy 25 Bn NOT yet reported in from
 DOGURA. 0700 K/30 natives report party 5 japs
 in bush near STEPHENS HOUSE party 15 at RABI
 night K/29 some concentration GOILANI and BUBIBODINA
 three enemy eqpt \odot enemy eqpt captured by 61 Bn & 25 Bn
 and passed to force H.Q. K/30 included 2" MORTAR, .256" RIFLE,
 PISTOL, GRENADES, 2" MORTAR BOMBS, CLOTHING and
 PERSONAL EQPT, incl HELMET TUNIC RUBBER BOOTS
 (with cliff toe) DIARY, POSSIBLE CYPHER CHART,
 INDIVIDUAL SEAL, SEMAPHORE FLAGS, SHOULDER PATCH
 (with rosette and X spurs new) red a. blue crest incl

possible tank weaver section.

Sgt Ck Dubayne
hit

IMPORTANT

0030

OPERATIONS DIARY

7 SEPT 42 (SHEET THREE)

Serial No.	FROM	TO	T.O.O.	T.O.R.	TEXT	ACTION TAKEN
16.	Maj Quinton OC 9 Bty 2/5 Fd Regt	18 Bde			Report Test 3.7 A/A with 25 pdr fuze 119 on 4 Sept 42.	
17.	7 Bde	"	0915	1240	Location Statement as at 0900 K/7.	
18.	7 Bde	"	1040	1240	Dispositions . (O.187)	
19.	2/12 Bn	B.M.	1430	1430	Patrol 2/12 Bn has returned from 1½/2 miles past ANIOMA. No sign of Japs and natives returning to villages.	Col advised 1445.
20.	Lt. ROSS (ANGAU)	B.M.	1430	1430 ✓	Natives report 150 Japs at BUDO on 5 Sept. Patrol of one coy from 2/12 Bn at KB ordered to investigate.	
21.	2/10 Bn	18 Bde	1600	1630 ✓	Bn HQ has moved from HAGITA HOUSE to area 100 yds South of DID vicinity of HAGITA HOUSE. Reopens at 1600 hrs.	
22.	BM(L) at FRC	B.M.	1650	1705 ✓	Reason for early return of 2/12 Bn patrol. Patrol was ordered to move out from posn at LILIHQA for 3½ hrs, then return. They did this reaching camp at approx 1430 hrs. 2/9 Bn patrol reported in at 1600 hrs. Saw no more Japs. A British amm S & W .45 pistol taken from one of Japs killed today. Pistol No. 135817. Pte LEE B Coy - Bn who has been missing since night 4/5 Sept came into 2/12 Bn lines this p.m. in a very exhausted condition.	
Demolitions carried out to date:-						
322 cases amm						
250 sacks rice						
23 cycles						
73 cases eqpt						
1 Hy Transmitting Set						
6 LMGs						

FALL RIVER RAID 5

appx 44

1140 - 1150 Aug 31

7 fap fighters were engaged by A.A but
took avoiding action - no straffing - no
damage or casualties.

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Prisoner of War No 1

KOSHIMOTO was captured by FARRER (who survived from the sinking of the RAAF crash launch) at KAINAKOPE on South West MILNE BA 28 Aug.

The prisoner, an airman of unknown rank had been living with the natives. FARRER took possession of his pistol and indicated to the prisoner was to accompany him. The prisoner appeared docile and followed willingly. In addition to pistol he carried a photo of a large gp of airmen, a large map of New Guinea and N.E. Australia scale 1:3,000,000 printed in JAPAN.

He was dressed in flying suit, air boots, fur-lined leather helmet, goggles and a yellow scarf. He could apparently speak no English. Being placed in prison, to have his photograph taken (he was blindfolded) he became slightly nervous and intimidated by gestures that he expected to be shot and cried "NOH NOH".

He was taken to Air Force and subsequently to Force HQ. The map he carried was marked with the air routes between the following places

RABAU	to	LAE	LAE to	HORN IS.
"	"	MORESBY	" "	MORESBY
"	"	ASMATA	" "	BUNA
"	"	BUKA	BUNA "	CILICILI
ASMATA	"	LAE		
"	"	MORESBY		
"	"	SAMARAI		

NOTE - Later info indicates captured by Lieut MOSSMAN of ANEAU and NOT by FARRER.

To 9 Bn 25 Bn 61 Bn 25 Comp Coy 48th 101 A/TK
 243d Coy 8 Fighter Control A & E Coy 9 Bn
 From 7 Bde I 56 31

Sitrep no. 13 to 1900 hrs K/31 @ captured material today indicates that JAPS may use gas @ they carry respirators @ 1445 K/31 fwd elements 2/12 Bn reached GAMA R. @ Identification of enemy fwd. of Strip 3 are all Marines @ Enemy 37mm. gun is in our hands @ Large numbers of enemy dead have been seen on track leading EAST from Strip 3 @ enemy strategy is for Tps to show dead or wounded and when our Tps have passed snipe from behind @ 1645 K/31 2 Coy 2/12 reached K.B mission @ Identification @ MARINES @ much captured material @ prisoners @ one JAP pilot captured KANA KOPE on south coast of Bay @ Prisoner in ADS captured by fwd. elements

ExWIT (sgt) C.M. TURBAYNE Unit 1930