

AWM52
2nd Australian Imperial Force and
Commonwealth Military Forces unit war
diaries, 1939-45 War

Item number: 8/3/44

7 Infantry Battalion

May to July 1945

WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C.2118.
(Adapted.)

Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 MAY 45 To 4 MAY 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
	1 MAY 45		<p>Camp Routine Order No. 9 Paras 70 - 75</p> <p>C.O. holds conference of all Company Commanders, and move to 47 Bn area is discussed.</p> <p>D Coy commence moving into their new area.</p>	Appendix No. 1.
	2 MAY 45		<p>Army Form W 3008 W 3009</p> <p>Bn HQ, B and D Coys commence move to new area ref map TOROKINA lin 574956.</p>	Appendix No. 2.
	3 MAY 45		<p>A and HQ Coys move to their new areas.</p> <p>Lt. EDWARDS acting Bde I.O. during Bde I.Os recce of PEARL RIDGE Area.</p> <p>Bn HQ closed 581956 re-Opened 574956 at 031200L.</p> <p>Sport Basket Ball. B Coy def D Coy 40 - 18.</p>	
	4 MAY 45		<p>C.O. made recce by plane of BERYs Hill Area. On his return the C.O. discussed observations with Bde Comd, Arrangements</p>	

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Unit 7 Aust. Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 4 MAY 45 To 6 May 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	4	MAY 45	made for C.O. to move to PEARL RIDGE Area, and give information to Lt. Col. POPE C.O. 27 Bn.	
			Lt. LONGMORE and party departed for tour of duty and observation in Central Sector.	
	5	MAY 45	Commanding Officer and Capt. GUNN visited 27 Bn. Pte CARL won fight at BOSLEY in evening. Our first representative in boxing at TOROKINA.	
<i>A</i>	6	MAY 45	Church Service held in Bn Area .	
			Commanding Officer holds Coy Comds conference and discusses training.	
			Unit enjoyed pictures held in area during the evening.	
			A further party under Lt. DONAD ^L left to observe in PEARL RIDGE Area. Camp construction is nearing completion and the area is quite a good one.	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 6 May 45 To 10 May 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	6 MAY 45		Sport - Basket Ball- B defeated D 63 - 38.	
	7 May 45		Capt. DAVIDSON visited 27 Bn .	
			I Sec building a sand table model of Pearl Rigge area for training purposes .	
			A and D Coy commence hardening marches.	
			B Coy supplying air strip guard HQ Coy check posts as per Bde Instr	
8 MAY 45		Volley Ball - Offrs d Bn HQ 2 - 1.		
		HQ Coy cable laying parry still out on NUMA NUMA rd.		
9 MAY 45		V (E) day. Celebrated by a route march by A Coy.		
		Training carried out as per syllabus.		
10 MAY 45		CRICKET HQ Coy d Bde 116 - 75.		
		Sport Basketball D d A36 - 28		
		Volley Ball A def D 21 - 2		

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 11 MAY 45 To 13 MAY 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	11 MAY 45		A further party of observers leave for Central Sector. Football - Mortar def Pioneer Pl 3 gl 5 to 2gl 1.	
	12 MAY 45		7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Trg Instn No. 2. C.O. holds Coy Comds Conference. Lecture for all Offrs and NCOs on PITA during the morning. Bn football team had a practice in the morning. Although several of the leading players have parted since the team last played, plenty of talent was found and the unit is looking forward to seeing some good football matches in the future. Basketball B 1st d D Coy 28 - 18 Sigs d B 2nds 21 - 12.	Appendix No. 3.
	13 MAY 45		Church service held in Bn Area. Commanding Officer inspected Coy Areas.	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 14 May 45 To 18 May 45


Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	14 May 45		Training as per syllabus.	
	15 MAY 45		C.O. lectured NCOs in the evening on Tactics in Pearl Ridge Area. The lecture was preceded by a discussion by I.O. on sandtable.	
			Volley Ball Bn Offrs & Bde Offrs 4 - 0)	
	16 MAY 45		Camp Routine Order B. 10 Paras 79 - 83	Appendix No 4.
			Sen Ldr I Curtis (DFC) OC 84 Wing RAAF dined with Bn in evening.	
	17 MAY 45		Bn HQ football match this morning was all in, and there were a few black eyes as a result. The Adjt didnt fare too well in executing his rough tactics, and will be hobbling around for some days.	
			Bde Comd discusses training with C.O. Toughening exercises to be held next week	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 18 MAY 45 To 19 May 45


Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	18 MAY 45		<p>C.O.s conference of Coy Comds, and training for the following week was outlined. Troops enjoyed extra bottle of beer for V (E) day, of course the issue next week will only be one bottle.</p>	
	19 MAY 45		<p>Bn Parade held in the morning Bde Comd will inspect Unit on 26 May. A Bn Table^d Sports meeting was run in the afternoon. A B C and D Coys supplied 9 teams each, and winning team for the day was A Coy No. 5. team with 61 points.</p> <p>HQ and BnHQs will compete on MONDAY and team to gain highest number of points will receive £ 6 prize money.</p> <p>B Coy report that the Bn bookmaker has gone out of commission again - the boys have been picking them lately.</p> <p>I Sec make recce during the morning of area for ey 2 day exercises/</p>	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 20 MAY 45 To 21 MAY 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	20 May 45		<p>Church Parade in area.</p> <p>40 personnel including Capts CAMERON, McINNES, NORMAN, and Lt. DELLER returned from leave/</p> <p>Pioneer pl left for NUMA NUMA roadhead, to construct funicular & railway.</p> <p>7 Aust Inf Bn Training Instn 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">" " Syllabus Weekending 19 May</p>	<p>Appendix No. 5.</p> <p>Appendix No. 6.</p>
	21 May 45		<p>A Coy move out on today exercise as per syllabus and Training. Instn attached as Appendix 5, 6.</p> <p>Pte Drinnen A Coy injured on exercise and evacuated to 2/1 AGH.</p> <p>The Tabloid Sports were continued, but no teams from HQ Coy or Bn HQs could pass A Coys score of 61 points.</p>	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 22 MAY 45 To 23 MAY 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	22 MAY		RESULTS - TABLOID SPORTS	Appendix No. 7.
			Second Day of exercise A Coy return to camp.	
			D Coy moved out along NUMA NUMA RD on two day exercise.	
			Work was continued on L.O.B. Area.	
			Volley Ball Bde Offrs defeated Bn HQ Offrs 2 - 1.	
	23 MAY 45		COs Orderly Room held.	
			D Coy returned from 2 day exercise, and found the swamps en route were too thin to march on and too thick to swim in.	
			B Coy moved out on two day exercise.	
			Football - The Bn team, after very little practice and a long spell, had their first match for nine months today, and were successful in defeating 84 Wing RAAF by 12 - 10 to 3 - 8.	
			Conspicuous players for our side - Rankin, Reid, Hubble, Rogers, and Sitch.	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 24 May 45 To 26 May 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	24 May 45		8 Offrs and 12 NCOs attended demonstration of flame throwers at 8 Bn.	
			B Coy returned from 2 day exercise.	
			Camp Routine Order No. 11 Paras 84 - 87	Appendix No. 8.
	25 May 45		Rehearsal for Bn Parade held during the afternoon.	
			Bde Op. INSTN No. 27 received 7 Bn ^{to} at relieve 27 Bn in Pearl Ridge Area. Relief to commence on 4 JUN 45.	
			MAJOR JONES RETURNED FROM LEAVE.	
	26 MAY 45		Bn Parade in the morning. Bde Comd inspected and addressed bn on the job ahead.	
			Group Capt. Healey, Sqn Ldr I Curtis DFC - CO 84 Wing watched parade and had morning tea at Bn.	
			Commanding Offr holds conference of Officers re Syllabus for coming week. Bn HQs and HQ Coy personnel held a concert in the evening and provided good entertainment for all ranks.	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 26 May 45 To 29 May 45.

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TORKINA	26 MAY 45		Another boxing tournament was held at BOSLEY field at night , Pte Wilson won and Pte Carl was beaten on points.	
			Syllabus for Weekending 26 May	Appendix No. 9
			"NUTS IN MAY" Concert Programme	Appendix No.10
	27 May 45		C.O. 2 I/C and OC A Coy visited 27 Bn in Pearl Ridge Area and made arrangements for relief of Bn.	
			A Church Parade was held during the morning.	
			On C.O.s return in evening a conference of Coy Comds was held and the forthcoming move was discussed.	
	28 MAY 45		Adjt visited Pearl Ridge area to make further arrangements re move.	
			A Coy move out on 1st day of 2 day exercise - Coy to occupy a defensive position for night.	
	29 May 45		CO inspected training during the morning.	

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Unit 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Date and Time.—From 29 MAY 45 To 31 MAY 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOROKINA	29 May 45		A Coy second day of exercise. Coy in withdrawal.	
			C Coy move out on second ^{first} day of exercise and occupy a defensive position.	
			Arrangements made with 27 Bn to relieve their B and D Coy patrols at map ref 691155 and 683159 on 5 JUN 45. KOWARO 1:25000.	
			Capt. BLABY made recce by air over PEARL RIDGE - NUMA NUMA area.	
	30 MAY 45		D Coy move out on first day of exercise.	
	31 MAY 45		7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Q Instruction No. 15	Appendix No. 11
			7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) ADM INSTN NO. 4	Appendix No. 12
			Training Syllabus Weekending 2 JUN 45	Appendix No. 13.
			KOWARO SHEET 1 : 25000	Appendix No. 14.
			I.O. makes air recce over Pearl Ridge area but Aircraft was weathered out. D Coy return from exercise.	

John D. Dunlop
Lt. Col.
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War Diary

Serial 9
Paras 70 - 78

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL H L J BUNKLEY MC, COLD F AUSTR INF BR (AIF)

1 May 45

10. SELF-INFLICTED WOUNDS - (A APPX FORM ORDER No 9)

1. Wounds or injuries received in action are not normally the subject of investigation by an Investigating officer. However special care must be taken to ensure that members suffering from self-inflicted wounds are not classified as battle casualties, and are dealt with disciplinarily as their action warrants.

2. Where a wound or injury which is suffered by a member at a time when he is in action is of such a nature that it could have been self-inflicted, it will be treated as a suspected self-inflicted wound or injury and the following action will be taken:-

- (a) The Medical Officer who first treats a patient suffering from such a wound or injury will promptly complete a D11 and pass the same to the CO of the patient's unit.
- (b) In addition he will endorse AF W3118 that the particular case is a possible self-inflicted wound, and that a D11 has been initiated.
- (c) If a medical officer subsequently treating a patient is of the opinion that the wound may be self-inflicted he will check whether the AF W3118 is so endorsed and if there is no endorsement will initiate the above action.
- (d) As soon as the unit comes out of action (or at such earlier time as is convenient), the CO will appoint an Investigating Officer under GRO 348/44 to investigate and report upon the wound or injury;
- (e) The CO will forward the Investigating Officer's report and give a direction regarding any disciplinary action which he considers should be taken;
- (g) If such superior authority is of opinion that no disciplinary action should be taken he will so advise Formation HQ giving reasons. Notwithstanding such opinion the Formation Comd may direct the taking of disciplinary action.

3. Every case of a wound or injury sustained by a member at a time when he is not in action will be the subject of an investigation by an Investigating Officer under GRO 348/44, except where the injury is of a minor nature, and is unlikely to cause permanent ill-effects, and the CO considers that compensation is unlikely to be entailed (para 36(a) of the GRO).

4. Any officer, WO or NCO who suspects that a member is suffering from a self-inflicted wound he will immediately report his suspicion to his CO who will ensure that the matter is investigated.

5. A member who is charged with an offense in connection with a wound or injury suffered by him will not be dealt with summarily by his Commanding Officer, but an application will be made to the appropriate authority for the case to be tried by Court Martial.

6. When a wound or injury is self-inflicted:-

(a) The member concerned will be charged with an offense under AA18 (2), and on conviction by District Court Martial is liable to be imprisoned with hard labour for two years.

(b) The member is disentitled to pension and repatriation benefits, (Australian Soldiers Repatriation Act 1920 - 1943 Section 101);

(c) The member on being convicted by Court Martial or his CO shall, by order of his CO, forfeit all pay and allowances for the period of his absence from duty (such as his period in hospital) due to the wound or injury, (War Financial (Military Forces) Reg 27).

71. IDENTITY DISCS

2 Aust Inf Bde
(10203)

Difficulty is being experienced in identifying bodies of personnel deceased, in accidents and casualties. All Coy Comds will ensure that personnel wear identity discs at all times.

72. SPEED LIMIT

2 Aust Corps ROs
(105)

All vehicles proceeding along the road leading from LARUMA RD to ANZAC BEACH will observe a speed limit of 10 miles per hour.

73. LOSS OF MAILS

2 Aust Corps ROs
(108)

(a) All air mail, surface letter mail, and registered mail despatched on 17 Apr 45 by Aust Base Post Office BOUGAINVILLE to NEW GUINEA and the Mainland was lost in transit between BOUGAINVILLE and FINSCHHAFEN.

(b) The despatch comprised mail matter in the above categories posted at FPOs:-

- EMIRAU between approx 14 and 16 Apr 45
- GREEN " " 15 and 16 Apr 45
- TREASURY " " 15 and 16 Apr 45
- MUNDA " " 15 and 16 Apr 45

All other areas between approx 16 and 0800 hrs 17 Apr 45.

(c) Senders of postals included in either registered or unregistered mail lost will be entitled to be issued with duplicate postal notes after a period of six months upon payment of a fee equal to the poundage rates.

Applications for duplicate postal notes should be made to the Deputy Director, Posts and Telegraphs, Brisbane, either direct or through the Formation Postal Officer, giving the following particulars:-

- (i) No, rank name and unit of sender.
- (ii) FPO and date of purchase.
- (iii) No. and value of each postal note.
- (iv) Statements from the payees affirming non-receipt of the postal notes.
- (v) Postage stamps to the value of the poundage on the postal notes should be pinned to the application.

74. AREAS OUT OF BOUNDS 2 Aust Corps R/O A93/45

- (a) Areas out of Bounds as set out below and laid down by 4 Aust Base Sub Area will apply to members of units under command of 2 Aust Corps except on duty.
- (i) All US Post Exchanges.
 - (ii) All US, RAAF and RNZAF camps and installations except by the direct invitation of a member of those forces. This includes the Picture Theatres at HQ USAFNORSOLS and COMAIRCENTRE.
 - (iii) All US Salvage Dumps.
 - (iv) ANGAU HQ, Webb Road and all native compounds and villages.
 - (v) Hospitals and CCSs (except during authorised visiting hours).
 - (vi) Canteen Bulk Stores.
 - (vii) Airstrips and administrative offices attached.
 - (viii) The PW Cage and its immediate environs.
 - (ix) PURUATA and TOROKINA Islands.
 - (x) The area occupied by 6 and 7 Aust Indep Farm Pls.
 - (xi) The Docks Area.
 - (xii) The Docks Transit Area.
 - (xiii) MACHINE Island.
 - (xiv) Such other places as are indicated to be OUT OF BOUNDS by signposts, notices or publication in Routine Orders.
 - (xv) Native villages except for operational reasons or as permitted by ABO 4/8.

(b) Organized picnic parties may visit MACHINE Islands only with the approval of HQ 2 Aust Corps or HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area. The discharge of fire arms on these islands is prohibited.

75. CENSORSHIP OF TELEGRAMS 2 Aust Corps R/O Q109/45

- (a) Attention is drawn to para 13 of GRO A371/44.
- (b) Telegrams will NOT be despatched from units unless the full name of sender and his full official address (number, rank, name, initials, unit) are written on the back.

76. PROTECTED ANIMALS, BIRDS AND PLANTS GRO 116/45 Para 22

Except in emergency, due to operational requirements, all ranks will observe the law of the States and Territories and Commonwealth relating to the protection of animals, birds and plants.

77. UNATTENDED VEHICLES 2 Aust Corps R/O A110/45

- (a) A driver will remain with his vehicle and NOT leave same unattended except in an authorised parking area where a picquet has been posted, and after compliance with the provisions of this order so far as they relate to him.
- (b) A driver is responsible for the safe custody of his vehicle. If it is lost or damaged as the direct result of his neglect of duty he may be required to make good the loss or portion thereof suffered by the Commonwealth.
- (c) No parking areas have been provided or defined in the 2 Aust Corps Area.
- (d) Picquets provided by Australian or Allied forces have no responsibility in connection with the safeguarding of Australian vehicles.

78. INCOME TAX -
SUPERANNUATION
CONTRIBUTIONS
CONSIDERED INCOME
GRO 99/45

1. Contributions to the Commonwealth Superannuation Fund of members of the Commonwealth Public Service and of the Permanent Military Forces who are serving in the Forces on continuous full-time duty are being paid by the Commonwealth.
2. The Taxation Commissioner has ruled that the amount of superannuation contributions paid by the Commonwealth forms part of the member's assessable income for the year in which the amount is paid to the Fund, and that the member will be entitled to a concessional rebate of tax for the amount so paid, subject to the limit prescribed by the Income Tax Assessment Act.

[Signature]
Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

NOTICES

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA TO AUSTRALIAN TROOPS

On the recent visit to New Guinea and the Solomons area of the Acting Minister for the Army (Senator the Hon J.M. Fraser) has conveyed the following message from the Prime Minister of Australia:-

"The Australian Government and people have ever had cause to be proud of their fighting forces. In this war new names have been emblazoned on the banners of Australian units, to join those most sacred in our memory in 1914-1918.

The stage through which the Pacific War is now passing finds such places as New Guinea, New Britain, Bougainville and the Solomons having the strongest impact on our minds and on our hearts. Our thoughts are constantly with you.

Your government knows the obstacles in your path - a tenacious and ferocious enemy and shocking terrain.

The Acting Minister of the Army (Sen Fraser) comes to you at my request to ensure that what can be done will be done. I ask that you do not hesitate to tell him fully what he should know.

That God will watch over you and protect you is the hope and prayer of Australia.

MOTHER'S DAY 13 MAY 45 - GREETINGS TELEGRAMS. : To ensure delivery to addressees before 13 May 45 Mother's Day Greetings Telegrams should be lodged at FPOs not later than the following dates 5 May 45.

UNIT VOLLEY BALL KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION: In the Finals of the unit volley ball knock-out competition B Coy No 1 Team defeated A Coy No 1 Team by 2 games to nil.

POSTAL ADDRESS CARDS: Personnel evacuated from this unit to Hospitals and schools should send a postal address card from their new address as soon as possible. These 'change of address' cards are procurable from unit postal offices.

NOTICES

1. ISLAND FELLOWSHIP: At present there are a number of Unit Christian Fellowships in operation on the Island, and in order that members may have an opportunity of combining their meetings once a month, thus becoming better acquainted with members of other Fellowships, it has been decided to commence a monthly combined Fellowship meeting to be known as the Island Fellowship.

These monthly meetings will take place on the first Saturday of each month, the first meeting being on Sat 5 May, at the USAFNORSOLS Chapel, Service Road (Next to HQ 4 Aust Base Sub Area).

The service will commence at 1900 hours with some bright singing, and will be followed at 1930 hours by two addresses by selected speakers.

All those interested are invited to attend these services. Further information may be obtained by contacting Sjt NISBETT, HQ 2 Aust Corps (Pacific Extension 21).

2. ESSAY COMPETITION (Solomon Island Writers' Club)

SUBJECTS: Section A : Some aspect (the writer's own choice) of English Literature in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Section B : A Critical Analysis of Cultural Life in Australia

Section C : Discuss the following comment from Harry Levin's 'James Joyce' (page 133).

"On the whole there were not many obstacles to keep Swift from living up to his definition of style : 'proper words in proper places'. The wear and tear on language since his time, the corruptions of usage, the vulgarizations of journalism, the affectations of scholarship have so relaxed the standard that we are no longer surprised to find ~~ix~~ proper words and improper places."

- Conditions:
- (a) Entries welcomed from all members of Australia or Allied Forces in SWPA outside the mainland of Australia.
 - (b) Any entrant may submit an essay in all three sections.
 - (c) No essay is to exceed 1000 words.
 - (d) Essays to be enclosed in an envelope marked with a pen name.
 - (e) Entries to be forwarded with writer's name, number and unit on a separate slip of paper to Secretary, Solomon Islands Writers' Club, G (Ops) Branch, 2 Aust Corps.
 - (f) Closing date 25 May 45.

Prizes : Two prizes will be awarded in each section :
First Prize : Order on Australian bookseller to value of £1:10/-.
Second Prize : Order on Australian bookseller to value of 10/-

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)

10 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/5/1945 (Unit)

W.E. 11/12/3 OFFRS. 30 O.R's. 769+ OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
1			1	Lieut.-Colonels									
3	3			Majors									
8			8	Captains	AAMC	1							
20		7	27	Lieutenants									
1			1	Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
33	3	7	37			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		38									38
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX43303	Lt	RING	2/1 AGH	5/5/45	Told to A List.

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

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

Unit

19 45

(Serial No.)

PART D.—NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS ON POSTED STRENGTH

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/5/1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
T/Lt-Col	VX5174	DUNKLEY	H L E	C O	YES		
Enj	VX134690	JONES	C	-	NO	LHQ Tac Sch Cse 16	14/2/45
"	VX159	ROWELL	F A	-	"	" " Cse 17(X List)	8/4/45
Capt	VX114147	BLABY	K	A 21/c	YES		
"	VX114149	MEINERS	W O	OC B	NO	24 days ARL	7/3/45
"	VX144155	ROBERTS	R	OC D	YES		
"	VX39036	GUNN	R W	A/OC C	"		
"	VX114150	CAMERON	W O	OC C	NO	24 days ARL	7/3/45
"	TX2119	McKINNON	L N	OC A	YES		
"	SK20348	DAVIDSON	G W	Adjt	"		
"	VX102702	BARLES	F H	OC HQ	"		
T/Capt	VX114149	NORMAN	L C	QM	NO	24 days ARL	7/3/45
Lt	VX114136	MCCARTHY	T S	2/1/c	YES		
"	VX33791	GRIFFIN	C E	21/c	"		
"	VX114154	BEVILLE	K C	Rfts	NO	Compassionate Leave	22/4/45
"	VX33143	McPHER	N H	8 P1	YES		
"	VX117297	LONGMORE	F R	17 P1	"		
"	VX114157	SMITH	H W	Asst/Adjt	NO	2/1 AGH (X List)	27/4/45
"	VX143673	DONALD	L E	7 P1	YES		
"	VX133190	BILTON	S G T	T O	"		
"	VX69047	McKENZIE	I H	9 P1	"		
"	VX39397	ELLIOTT	M H	15 P1	"		
"	VX39379	DELLER	K E	1 P1	NO	24 days ARL	7/3/45
"	QX39177	GORGORAN	H L	Rfts	YES		
"	VX39359	EDWARDS	D W	I O	"		
"	VX58109	RUSH	G	12 P1	"		
"	TX450	BONDS	H R	Rfts	"		
"	WX29773	PHIFFARD	R B	16 P1	NO	110 AMH (X List)	12/4/45
"	WX33824	VALE	H J	2 P1	YES		
"	VX27698	HARRIS	J A C	A/QM	"		
"	VX38990	KUNNE	W A	4 P1	"		
"	VX103427	ROBSON	K	21/c	"		
"	QX42060	FRATTEN	L P	10 P1	"		
"	VX147941	GRAVELL	K B	Rfts	"		
"	QX60222	BELL	H G	5 P1	"		
"	WX26483	BASKERVILLE	M T	14 P1	"		
"	VX42442	GATTELL	A B	3 P1	"		
"	WX1938	NICHOLSON	G L	11 P1	"		
"	QX37463	CAMERON	C F	A/SO	"		
"	QX42977	MURPHY	J	18 P1	"		
"	VX6702	MITCHELL	A L	Rfts	"		
"	VX43303	RING	A K	Rfts	NO	2/1 AGH (X List)	5/5/45
ATTACHED							
Capt	WX119330	THOMSON	C R	RMO	YES		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank, if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
Capt	WX162533	FRY	F J AA Ch D	3/2/44	Chaplain Class IV.

H. L. Dunkley
Commanding Officer

Date of Despatch

FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008
(Adapted) (Page 1)
(Revised Jan., 1943)
12 46 (Serial No.)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 12/5/1945 5. 7. 1007 INF (Unit) (1F)

W.E. 17/120 3. OFFRS. 3 O.R's. 769 OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 3 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
W/ Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
1			1	*									
3	3			*									
8			8	Lieut.-Colonels									
20			27	Majors	AAMC	1							
1		7	1	Captains									
				Lieutenants									
				Quarter-masters									
				A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs.									
				Civilians Counting as Offrs.									
33	3	7	37			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		38									38
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

Army No.	Rank.	Name and Initials.	Unit To.	Date.	CAUSE.
VX43303	LT	RING	2/1 AGH	5/5/45	Told to X list.

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

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

PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 12/ 5 /194 5.

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Sangetakers			
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Eivettors			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers								Radiographers				Stevadores			
Computors								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	3	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Whealers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tk/A Nos	19	19	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batmen	33	33	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Gen Duties	3	3	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Rment Lvs	3973	39	23
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								MCO Nos	27	27	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Mortar Nos	73	73	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Pioneers	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		RPS	6	6	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12		RP Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Hello Operator				Clerks, Supply				Storemen	6	6	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				SBS	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				s/duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				RSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RQMS	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CSM	3	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Sgt	23	23	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				Drivers	12	12	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		19		CMS	3	4	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpin. Plant							
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	1		CARRIED FORWARD	17	17		CARRIED FORWARD	57	75		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A, respectively.	769747	23	

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.
 (b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.
 (c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.
 (d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."
 (e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

Date of Despatch

Signature of Commander Col.
 Commanding 7 Aust. Inf. Bn. (A.I.F.)

Carried Forward

782

747

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Attached Personnel

AAUC

Byg Sgt

Sgt

Cpl (Chiropract)

Pte

AAOC

Cpl (Shoemaker)

AAPC

Sgt

Cpl

AAPS

Sgt

Pte

AACC

WO Caterer

Sgts Cooks

Cpl Cooks

TG 2 Cooks

TOTALS

801

772

22

NOTES: (1) If any other than regular is included, give details on last page. (2) Attached units are included in this report as required in space provided. (3) Units of W.A.A. are included in this report as required in space provided. (4) Units of W.A.A. are included in this report as required in space provided. (5) Units of W.A.A. are included in this report as required in space provided.

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APPX NO 3

HQ 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)
12 May 45

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRAINING INSTRUCTION NO 2

GENERAL

1. Although it is anticipated that the call for working parties will continue to be heavy, Coys will take every opportunity to carry out a vigorous training programme with the tps available.
2. Particular attention will be paid to the following :-
 - (a) Tough physical condition
 - (b) Jungle craft
 - (c) Patrolling
 - (d) Weapon Trg.
3. In order to co-ordinate training a weekly syllabus will be laid down by the CO. However, Coy Comds wishing to carry out any special trg will sub it their requests to this HQ not later than Thursday of each week.
 Apart from this, one half day per week will be used at Coy Comds discretion.
 Special attention will be directed toward the training of sig personnel as regards alternative methods of communication e.g. V/T.

TRG AREAS

4. Unit trg areas as shown on trace "A" attached.
5. Every precaution will be taken as regards mines within trg areas. Suspected mine fields will be suitably marked and this HQ notified of location.

RANGES

6. Location as per trace "A".
7. Coys will ensure that ranges are thoroughly cleaned after use. A certificate to this effect will be forwarded to Bn HQ by 1800 hrs on day used.
8. Coys will provide their own targets.
9. Notification of 2" and 3" mortar practices will be submitted to this HQ four days prior to use. Notification will contain date and time of shoot, firing point and area of impact.

LECTURES

10. Where outside assistance is required, Coy Comds will contact the person concerned and make the necessary arrangements.

WEEKLY REPORTS

11. Weekly reports and material control returns will be submitted as usual. Returns to reach this HQ by 1200 hrs each Saturday. Coy Comds will ensure that no alcoholic liquor is brewed in Coy lines but returns are not required. Returns showing man hours spent on working parties will be discontinued.

TPT

12. Tps will march to ranges and trg areas. Coys will contact Tpt Offr direct for tpt to take ammunition and meals to range and trg areas as required.

Note:- CC HQ Coy will be responsible for the compiling of own syllabus. Use of ranges etc to be co-ordinated with the syllabus laid down by the Bn.

G. W. L. ... Capt.,
Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

App No 4

RESTRICTED

The information contained in this document is not to be communicated either directly or indirectly to the Press or to any person not authorised to receive it.

Serial 10/45
Paras 79 - 83

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL H L E DUNKLEY, MC, CG D 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

16 May 45

79. CAPTURED ENEMY
EQUIPMENT AND WAR
RELIQS (GRC 126/45)

1. HQs, units and members may request that enemy equipment captured by them be forwarded to Staff Duties (Military History Section) LHQ, for inclusion in Canberra.
2. The collection, evacuation, storage and disposal of such equipment will be effected in accordance with the system prescribed in GRC G238/1944. Separate instructions regarding the despatch from captured equipment depots to the Military History Section will be issued by GS (SD).
3. The allotment of equipment to the Military History Section will be subject to its not being required for intelligence, operational or training purposes. Attention is directed to GRC G473/1943. "Original items" will be allotted to the Military History Section if and when they are no longer required for other purposes. "Duplicate items" will (when operational and training requirements permit) be available for allotment in accordance with the nominator's wishes.
4. When a HQ, unit or member has requested that captured equipment be made available to the Military History Section, advice to that effect will be forwarded to CG ME Field Team attached to the HQ of the formation to which the unit or member belongs or to Staff Duties (Military History Section) LHQ. Such advice will contain full particulars of each item of equipment, its registered number (if any), the date and place of its capture, an account of its historical interest and the name of the nominator.
5. HQs, units and members may also forward to the Military History Section war relics not of enemy origin. They may be delivered to the ME Field Team at the formation HQ or may be forwarded direct to Staff Duties (Military History Section) LHQ. They will be accompanied by such of the particulars set out in para 4 as are applicable.
6. All equipment, etc, received by the Military History Section will be acknowledged. The name of the nominator or donor will be entered in the Section's accession records, and will, unless otherwise requested, be shown on the title card when the article is exhibited in the Australian War Memorial.

80. CLOTHES RATIONING (GRO 130/45)

Issue of clothing ration coupons on termination of service:

26. A member whose service is terminated will receive a special outfit allowance of -

(a) in the case of a male member -

- (i) If he has completed 3 months' service but has not completed 6 months' service and the termination of his service is not on any of the grounds mentioned in para 2 of GRO 46/1945. 56 Coupons
- (ii) If he has completed 6 months' service and the termination of his service is not on any of the grounds mentioned in para 2 GRO 46/1945. 256 Coupons
- (iii) If he has completed 6 months' service and his service has been terminated on any of the grounds mentioned in para 2 of GRO 46/1945. 200 Coupons

and, in addition, irrespective of the length of service, a male member will be issued with a pro rata maintenance issue of civilian clothing ration coupons in accordance with the following scale:-

If service is terminated prior to 30 th September 1945 112 Coupons

If service is terminated between -

1st October 1945 and 31st December 1945 - 84 Coupons

1st January 1946 and 31st March 1946 - 56 Coupons

1st April 1945 and end of rationing year - 28 Coupons

27. A member whose service has been terminated for the purpose of enabling him to be appointed to or enlisted in the RAN or the RAAF will not be entitled to the special coupons referred to in para 26 of this order.

Personnel temporarily released from the Army -

28. Members granted leave without pay for periods up to 28 days will not be entitled to additional clothing coupons. leave

29. Members granted/without pay for periods in excess of 28 days will be issued by units with a leave pass and a certificate in the following form:-

Certificate - Leave Without Pay
Clothing Coupons

This is to certify that (no).....(rank).....
(name)....., a member of (unit).....
AMF, has been granted leave without pay for the
period from (date).....to (date).....
for employment as a (occupation).....

Date..... CO
Unit Stamp

81. CENSORSHIP-MEN-
TION OF BOUGAINVILLE
ISLAND IN CORRESPOND-
ENCE (2 Aust Corps
RO (117 of 12 May 45)

Personnel are now permitted to state in letters that they are serving on BOUGAINVILLE Island or any one of the surrounding islands, provided that the unit or each member concerned has either been in the area for one month or has been in action.

82. POSTAL-REGISTRATION
OF MAIL MATTER (2 Aust
Corps RO Q118 of 12 May 45)

- (a) Postal articles intended for registration must be suitably packed and sealed.
- (b) Compensation for loss of or damage to the contents may not be payable if the article has been posted in an unsealed or unsuitable cover.
- (c) Registration envelopes are on sale at FPOs.

83. (TELEGRAMS)--DATE OF
LODGEENT (2 Aust Corps
RO Q119 of 13 May 45)

Reference New Guinea Force Routine Order Q163 of 1 Aug 44.

The date will be inserted after the signature in all telegrams lodged by members of the Forces. The date detail will be chargeable when assessing amounts to be collected from senders.

P. W. Sanderson
Capt.
Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

NOTICES

FIELD GENERAL COURT MARTIAL HELD IN THE FIELD ON 16 MAR 45

PRESIDENT → Maj F A ROWELL 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Number : NX122738

Rank : A/Sgt

Name : O'REGAN

Christian Names : James Henry

Charge : WOAS ABSENTING HIMSELF WITHOUT LEAVE, in that he, at KAIRI, absented himself without leave from 0645 hrs on 10 Jan 45 until 0530 hrs on 19 Dec 44, a period of 345 days. AA15 (1)

Finding : Guilty

Sentence : To be reduced to the ranks, to be imprisoned with hard labour for 690 days, and to be discharged from the Military Forces of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Date of Confirmation : 14 Apr 45.

Confirmed by : Lt-Col H L E DUNKLEY, MC Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Gp

Date of Promulgation : 8 May 45

Automatic Forfeiture : 345 days

Period of Confinement Awaiting Trial : 87 days

Total Forfeiture : 1123 days pay.

A letter was recently received from the Secretary of the 7th Battalion AIF Association offering assistance in any matter which would benefit this unit.

In reply a request was made for a number of unit flags and the following letter has been received from Mr J Guthridge.

C O 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

4 May 45

Dear Sir,

I have posted five flags addressed to you today. I trust they reach you safely. We are proud to have the privilege of presenting these flags to your battalion. We know that the colours we thought so much of are in safe hands. I can only add that with these flags go all the good wishes and regards of the old "Seventh".

kindest regards
Yours sincerely
Signed (J GUTHRIDGE)

ORDER OF THE DAY

by
GEN SIR THOMAS BLAMEY, G in C.A.M.F.

The war in EUROPE ended this morning.

The people of the allied nations lift their voices in gladness and thanksgiving wherever they may be.

Our armies have won complete victory over GERMAN tyranny.

Our allied effort will be concentrated now on the last enemy of civilisation the JAP. He has been defeated time and time again and now our hosts are already assembling to his complete destruction.

I send greetings and congratulations first of all to those of the AIF who fought in EUROPE and the ME. They took a full share of the strain in the hardest early days and helped to lay the foundations of victories.

I send greetings and congratulations to all ranks of the Aust Army: again they took full share of the early strain against the JAPS and again their efforts are bearing them on to final victory.

We tender a tribute of comradeship to those who will never return and vow ourselves anew in their name to compass the final destruction of civilisation's last enemy the JAPS.

SPORTS RESULTS

Volley Ball

Bn HQ Offrs defeated Bde Offrs 4 games to Nil

Cricket

HQ Coy defeated 23 Bde 116 runs to 75 runs.

Appx No 5

SECRET

20 May 45

COPY No 11

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) TRG EXERCISE NO 9

Ref Map : TOROKINA 1" to 1 ml

1. OBJECT

- (a) To exercise a rifle coy in clearing an L of C of enemy raiding parties
- (b) Coy in attack
- (c) Occupation of defensive position

2. LESSONS TO BE TAUGHT

- D1 (a) Encounter Attack
- (b) Battle procedure
- (c) Siting of defensive perimeter and construction of weapon pits
- (d) Deliberate attack.

D2 (a) Movement of a Coy through jungle

3. NARRATIVE

An enemy raiding party est 15-20 men strong have been harassing tot and tps moving along the NUMA NUMA RD. The last attack was reported 200 yds from No 1 Xing Map Ref 303001. As these actions are causing a serious delay in the transporting of supplies to PEARL RIDGE the Bde Comd has ordered the CO 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) to despatch a force to destroy the raiding party and then move back to the Pn Area.

On 210800L A Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) moves out to locate and destroy the enemy force.

ADM

4. SUPS

4 meals carried on the man

5. A.M

30 rds blank per man (to be prepared by Coys)
Explosives, booby traps etc may be obtained from the Pnr Offr.

6. DRESS

KVD Jackets may be worn.
Packs, nets mosquito, Gas capes, or 1/2 man shelters, mosquito repellent and 2 days ateorin will be carried.

7. TOOLS

Full set of shovels

8. MEDICAL

Medical Orderly with each Coy and enemy.

Instructions to enemy issued separately.

9. ACZ

Issued by Runner

Signed at 201000L

[Signature]
Capt.
Adit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

HQ Coy	1	CO	6	
A Coy	2	3 i/c	7	
B Coy	3	TO	8	File 12
C Coy	4	IO	9	
D Coy	5	War Diary	10	11

INSTRUCTIONS TO ENEMY

1. C Coy will supply 1 Sgt and 14 ORs to act as enemy for A & D Coys.

2. On Monday 21 May 45 this party will fight a delaying action from No 1 Xing back to No 2 Xing on the first day of the exercise as instructed by the I Officer. On Tuesday morning they will move back to No 1 Xing by 0900 hrs and act as enemy for the second Coy doing the Ex. On Wednesday morning report back to No 1 Xing. Tot will be arranged back to camp.

3. HQ Coy will supply 1 Sgt 14 ORs to act as enemy for B Coy, on Wednesday 23 May 45. This party will report back to No 1 Xing by 24 0900L for movement back to camp.

4. AMN
50 rds blank
69 Grenades may be used, but strict safety precautions must be observed.

5. SUPS
HQ Coy 3 meals on the man
C Coy 6 meals on the man

7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DIARY OF DAILY TRG SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 19 MAY 45

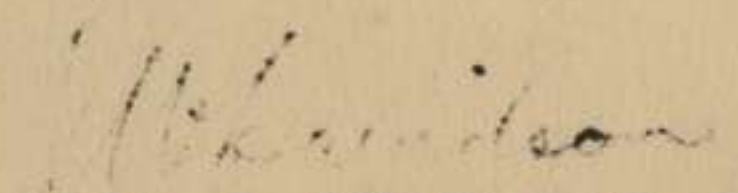
REF MAP : TOROKINA 1" to 1 m²

Serial	Date	Sub Unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	Remarks
1	14 May	A	To No 2 Crossing and return	633036 Route March	Inf Trg Part I Sec 6	
2		B	Ranges 3,4,5 and 6	Range Practices	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Pt 2 Riflo SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Pt 2 Bren	Usual rapid fire practice will also be carried out
3a		C	Camp Area Map Ref 573951	a.m. Weapon Trg	TsOET Bren, rifle, grenade OSMG Gas & JD TsOET	
3b				p.m. Sports	Intra Coy matches: Volley Ball Basket Ball. Football.	All Sporting gear to be drawn from Sports Offer by 131 hrs & ret'd by 1700 hrs.
4		D	Camp Area	Bn Duty Coy		
5	15 May	A	Serial 2	Serial 2		
6		B	As per Serial 1	Serial 1		
7a		C	Squares 9557,9657 9658	a.m. Soc Exercise	Tac & Adm Doctrine No 4	I Offer will adv routes and assi in briefing of patrols. Check will be estab along route tak
7b				p.m. Discussion on Morning's Exercise.		
8a.		D	Camp Area	a.m. as per serial 3(a)		
8b				p.m. do 7(a)		
9	16 May	A	Camp Area	Duty Coy.		
10		B		a.m. Serial 3 (a) p.m. Serial 3 (b)		
11		C		Serial 1.		
12		D		Serial 2		

Appx No 6

Serial	Date	Sub Unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	Remarks.
13	17 May	A		Serial 3(a) " 3(b)		
14		B		Duty Coy		
15		C	Serial 2	Serial 2		
16		D	Serial 1	Serial 1		
18	18 May	A	As per Serial 7	a.m. Serial 7 (a) p.m. Serial 7(b)		
19a.		B		a.m. Lecture by Observers from central sector.	Gen situation, tactics, Pl Adm.	Use may be made of Sand Table. I @ Offer to assist.
19b.				AES Lecture	The San Francisco Conference	To be given by AES Cpl.
20.				B.M. Serial 7(a)		To be co-ordinated with Coy lectures.
21		C		Duty Coy.		
22		D		a.m. Serial 7(b) p.m. Sports.		
23	19 May	A		a.m. Serial 19(a) p.m. Sports.		
24		B		a.m. Serial 7(b) p.m. Sports.		
25		C		a.m. Serial 19(a) p.m. Sports		
26		D		a.m. Duty Coy. p.m. Sports for all personnel NOT on Bn duties.		

1. A TEWT for all officers will be conducted during the week. Time will be notified.
2. Commencing 14 May 45 a course for personnel nominated as potential snipers will be conducted by the RSM.
3. Further instr to all Coy CSMs and Spts on the PITA Gun will be given by the RSM. Times will be notified.


 Capt.,
 Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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RESULTS - TABLOID SPORTS

HQ 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)
22 May 45

1. The following teams are the place getters in the Tabloid Sports Meeting held on Sat 19 May and Mon 21 May 45.

<u>First</u>	Team A 5	61 Points
<u>Second</u>	Team HQ 14	59 Points
<u>Third</u>	Team BHQ2 & HQ 8	56 Points

2. Herewith is a list of points obtained by each team:-

A1	38	Points
A2	40	"
A3	39	"
A4	34	"
A5	61	"
A6	53	"
A7	35	"
A8	36	"

B1	46	Points
B2	27	"
B3	45	"
B4	32	"
B5	41	"
B6	49	"
B7	38	"
B8	39	"
B9	52	"

C1	43	Points
C2	48	"
C3	53	"
C4	50	"
C5	43	"
C6	37	"
C7	43	"
C8	41	"
C9	47	"

D1	38	Points
D2	36	"
D3	50	"
D4	44	"
D5	32	"
D6	43	"
D7	40	"
D8	45	"
D9	41	"

BHQ1	39	Points
BHQ2	56	"
BHQ3	42	"
BHQ4	43	"
BHQ5	41	"
HQ6	45	"
HQ7	54	"
HQ8	58	"
HQ9	26	"

HQ10	34	Points
HQ11	43	"
HQ12	54	"
HQ13	29	"
HQ14	59	"
HQ15	52	"
HQ16	54	"

3. The winning team will receive £6.

[Signature]
Sports Officer 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Lt.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL H L E DUNKLEY, MC, CO 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

25 May 45

84. ALLOTMENT AND
DEPENDANTS ALLOWANCE
PAYABLE OUTSIDE
AUSTRALIA (GRO134/45)

1. With the approval of the prescribed authority under War Financial (Military Forces) Regulations a member may make an allotment to a person resident in any country outside Australia. Where the allottee resides in an enemy or enemy occupied country, the allotment may be dated back to 25th August, 1944, provided that this does not place the member's pay account in debit.

2. Where a member has made an allotment of not less than the standard rate, dependants allowance will be payable, in accordance with War Financial Regulations --

(a) Where the allotment is payable in a country forming part of the sterling area -- to any person dependent on the member; or

(b) Where the allottee resides in a country other than a country included in the sterling area -- to the wife or children of the member and not to any other dependant.

3. If the allottee resides in a country where it is not possible to effect payment of allotment and dependants allowance, either because of the conditions set out in National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations or for any other reason, the amount of such allotment and dependants allowance will be held in trust until payment becomes practicable. A member may cancel such an allotment at any time before payment is actually made to his allottee and, in that case, the accumulated amount of the allotment will be credited to his pay account. In such circumstances, no dependants allowance will be payable.

4. In this order, the words "sterling area" have the same meaning as in National Security (Exchange Control) Regulations, namely:--

"All parts of His Majesty's dominions (except Canada and Newfoundland), and includes all territories in respect of which a mandate on behalf of the League of Nations has been accepted by His Majesty and is being exercised by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or in any dominion, all British protectorates and protected States, Egypt, the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and every other country or area declared by the Treasurer, by order published in the Gazette, to be included in the sterling area, but does not include any country or area so declared not to be included in the sterling area."

5. The following areas have been included in the sterling area:-

Iceland
Faroe Islands
Iraq

85. OTHER RANKS CLUB
TOROKINA (2 Aust
Corps RO A123)

REGULATIONS

1. All male and female Other Ranks of the AMF, RAN, RAAF and RNZAF have the right of automatic membership.
2. Members of US Armed Forces will be admitted by invitation only.
3. Membership can be automatically withdrawn for infringement of any regulation or unbecoming conduct.
4. The Club Manager is invested with full powers, and will police these regulations in the interest of all members. Complete and willing co-operation is expected.
5. Temporarily, times of service are as follows:-
Club opens - 1800 hrs
Club closes - 2200 hrs (Dance nights 2230 hrs)
Snacks, Cool drinks, Ice Cream-1800 to 2200 hrs
Dry Canteen - 1800 to 2030 hrs
6. Buffet Dances commencing at 1900 hrs will be held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. The closing time for the Club on these nights will be extended to 2230 hrs. Members will make their own arrangements for inviting and escorting female guests in accordance with 4 Aust Base Sub Area RO A153/45. Tables may be booked by contacting the Club Manager.
7. The Club telephone number is Pacific 546 R2.
8. Vehicles transporting personnel are not permitted to approach the Club buildings but will park in the defined area. This is not an authorised Parking Area within the meaning of ASO Chap 14 Sec 3, and in consequence the security of vehicles will be the responsibility of individual drivers.
9. Regulation dress will be observed by all members at all times.
10. Intoxicating liquor will NOT be brought on to the premises.
11. Fraternalising or familiarity with NATIVE staff is strictly forbidden.
12. The following "DON'TS" will please be honoured by all other ranks in the interests of harmony and good fellowship:-
 - DON'T crash into any party (mixed or otherwise)
 - DON'T introduce tap dancing without the Manager's consent.
 - DON'T be a party to any unseemly conduct.
 - DON'T fail to co-operate with the Club Manager.
 - DON'T forget, this is your club.
 - DON'T abuse the privileges and facilities offered.

86. SURPLUS GEAR

Coys are carrying far too much surplus gear. The limited accommodation available in the LOB Area will not permit any unnecessary gear being stored therein. Coy Comds will take steps to see that all cake tins, souvenirs and any other accumulated rubbish are disposed of.

87. INVESTIGATION

By order of Lt-Col H L E DUNKLEY, CO 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) VX6072 Lt A L MITCHELL is appointed Investigating Officer to enquire into and report on the injury sustained by QX61413 Pte DRINNEN B T, A Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).

W. J. ...
Capt.,
Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

NOTICES

ADDRESS BY GOC 2 AUST CORPS -- 9 MAY 45-- IN COMMEMORATION OF SIGNING OF PEACE IN EUROPE

Yesterday, the 8th May, the world was advised that the war with GERMANY had ended.

All of you will remember the fateful speech made by Mr CHAMBERLAIN in the first week of September, 1939.

The first reaction to this speech was a feeling that the bottom had fallen out of all those hopes for years of continual peace.

The future was unknown, but some of us retained memories of another fateful speech delivered by Mr ASQUITH in early August 1914.

The memories of the days covering 1914-18 left no doubt in our minds that the road would be long, and the journey would again be across a world of blood and destruction.

Therefore, today is a day of memories.

We remember in June, 1940, the collapse of our allies in Europe when all appeared to be lost.

We remember the full weight of the fury of our enemies was then concentrated on that Island citadel, England, the home of Empire.

We remember how the people of England stood up to their ordeal which covered 5½ years, when lives of British people were destroyed, and their cities battered to ruins.

Our memories take us over the days, when, in the last week of 1940, our Australian Forces met the enemy in Libya, and "with so little, did so much" in destroying the enemy in North Africa.

We remember the dark days of Greece, when the resurrected ANZAC Corps faced the full weight of the enemy's power in Greece.

Overwhelmed, but not dismayed, the troops of Australia and New Zealand reformed their ranks for further action.

The New Zealanders withstood the onslaught of ROMEL, and together with the 9th Division, turned the enemy back and commenced operations which took the New Zealanders to the border of AUSTRIA.

We remember the years of struggle and hardship in the jungles of New Guinea, and here on Bougainville.

With pride, we, the Australians and New Zealanders, again work as a team.

We remember with grateful hearts the heroic stand by Russia; her sufferings; and her final success which took her troops to Berlin.

We remember the joy which swept our land when America extended the ranks of the Allied forces with her vast resources of manpower and material production.

The road has been difficult, and the cost in lives has been high. We remember those of our friends who will NOT return to their homeland. They paid the full price for liberty for others.

These memories deny us any alternative but to give thanks for that divine guidance of our destiny, which gave success to our arms, and now peace in Europe.

This is a day when memories must give place to determination to still continue until the last of our enemies signs peace on the same terms as Germany.

Finally, this is a day of consecration, when we must take stock of ourselves, our future hopes, and determination to serve each of our nations.

This consecration must determine there shall not be any future wars.

There shall be freedom from want, and freedom to live our own lives and work out our own destinies.

There must be a determination on the part of each of us, to serve our nation, and be true to our obligations to Australia, New Zealand, and the world, as men who have proved their manhood in the field of battle.

To you, the younger men, the burden of rebuilding this world must be taken up.

In you lies the destiny of Australia and New Zealand, and with men from the rest of the Empire and the Allied Nations, the world will be better for your sacrifices, not only now, but in the years to come.

To me the 8th of May represents the day I left Australia in the ranks 30 years ago. The experience of that war taught some of us the need to serve others in the days of reconstruction.

We learnt in this work that satisfaction in one's own heart that that service to others is the all important thing in life.

With the future before you, may this be the road you will tread.

Appx No 9

War Diary 9

7 AUST INF BN (IF)

DIARY OF TRG SYLLABUS WEEK ENDING 26 MAY 45

Ref Map TOROKINA
1" to 1 Mile

Serial	Date	Sub Unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	Remarks
1	21 May	A	Camp area to 603001 thence RUMF Rd to 628027	Coy Exercise	Route march to No 1 Xing. No 1 crossing to No 2 Xing. Coy in adv and encounter attacks, culminatin. in coy attack and occupation of perim- eter def. Tac & Adm Doctrine Nos 5-6.	Detailed instns will be issued later
2	"	B	No 6 Range	Range practices	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Rifle SAT Vol 1 Pam 4 Bren	Completion of practices for May
3A	"	D	Camp area	A.M. Lecture	Co-op of tanks, with inf. MTP No 63 Ch1 &2 Bren, rifle Grenade	Completion of TOET for May
3B	"	"	Camp area	P.M. Lecture	Tac & Adm Doctrine Chapters 1 - 6	General Quiz to be conduct. by Pl Comds
4	22 May	A	628027 - SE to JAVA CK 645997 Thence via JAVA CK NUMA NUMA RD to Camp	Coy ex.	Cross country march back to camp area Tac & Adm Doctrine No 4	
5A	"	B	Camp area	A.M. Lecture -Norve tactics in the jungle - Weapon trg	Tac & Adm Doctrine No 7 SAT Vol 1 Ch III	To be given by Pl Comds
5B	"	"	"	P.M. Lecture Serial 3B	Contact patrol reports	To be given by I Officer
6	"	D	Serial 1	Serial 1		

0800 Coy Parade & Inspection 0830

Serial	Date	Sub unit	Area	Subject	Lessons	Remarks	
7A 7B	23 May	A	0800 - 0830 Coy Pde and Inspection	Camp area	AM Lecture - Weapon Trg PM Lecture Lecture	Tac & Adm Doc No 7 S.T Vol/Ch III Pocket notes on Org Eqpt of Jap Army Tac & Adm Doctrine Ch 1 - 6	To be given by Pl Comds General Quiz by Pl Comds
8	"	B		Serial 1	Serial 1		
9	"	D		Serial 4	Serial 4		
10	24 May	A		Serial 2	Serial 2		
11	"	B		Serial 4			
12	"	D		Camp area	Lecture Weapon Trg Lecture Lecture	AM Tac & Adm Doctrine No 7 Nerve Tactics SAT Vol/Ch III PM Contact Patrol reports Pocket notes on Org & Eqpt of Jap army	Given by Pl Comds Given by I Offr. Pl Comds
13	25 May	A		Camp area	AM Lecture TOET PM Lecture Lecture	Co-op of Tanks with inf MTP No 63 - Ch 1 & 2 Bren Rifle Grenade Contact patrol reports AES lecture	Given by Pl Comds TOET for May to be completed Given by I of fr by AES Cpl
14	"	B		Camp area	AM TOET Lecture PM Lecture	Bren, rifle, grenade Co-op of tanks with inf MTP No 63 Ch 1 & 2 Pocket notes on Org & Eqpt of Jap Army	TOET for May to be completed Pl Comds Pl Comds
15	"	D		Range No 6	Serial 2		
16	26 May	A		No 3 Sports Oval	Bn Parade		Inspection by Bde Comd
		B		PM Sports			
		D		Serial 26	Serial 2 6		
		D	Serial 26	Serial 26			

Note - C Coy will take over all Bn duties, Piva Strip, Guard and Standing patrols for week ending 26 May. Personnel will complete range practices and TOET during the week.

War Diary No 11

SECRET

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Q INSTRUCTION NO 15

Relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) in Central Sector by
7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

1. GENERAL

This instruction is issued with a view to detailing the procedure for the above relief.

As the move will commence on 4 Jun 45, all concerned will take immediate steps to complete the returns etc, required.

2. The following will be carried on the man, all over and above will be left at LOB:-

- Knives Clasp
- Field Dressing
- Jersey Pullover
- Socks 3 pr
- Shirts JG 3
- Trousers JG 3
- Boots AB 2 prs
- Towels 2
- Blanket 1
- Gaiters Web
- Hats Khaki fur
- Messing Gear
- Toilet "
- Ration emergency
- Sheets ground
- Outfits First-aid Individual
- Outfits Water Sterilizing
- Tents Mosquito
- Mosquito repellent
- Underwear (optional)
- Bed Canvas

3. Storage of Coy Stores and personal effects at LOB:-

- (a) Space - 1 Tent American each rifle Coy
2 " " HQ Coy
Q Store space Bn HQ
- (b) Storage space available by 011200L.
- (c) All Coy stores and personal effects to be left in these tents.
- (d) It is unlikely that sandbags will be available to hold personal gear. Coys will arrange their own storage of these items. It is suggested that they be stored in ammunition boxes.
- (e) Coy commanders to see that a minimum of gear at LOB.
- (f) Coy Commanders will arrange for the disposal of all surplus stores i.e. stores not on WE such as mattresses, cots American, bush furniture etc. It is suggested that these items be left with 27 Bn. They are not to be included on official inventories, but will be the subject of a private arrangement between respective Coys of the two Bns.
- (g) Stores must be securely crated or bundled as for a move; no loose stores will be accepted.

4. Q RETURNS

Two returns on stores are required

- (a) To QM by 011600L
 - (i) number of boxes etc to be left at LOB.
 - (ii) (stores and personal effects to be shown separately)
 - (iii) Approx wt and size of each box (not including personal effects).
 - (iv) Inventory of the contents of each stores box.

- (b) To Bn HQ 48 hrs before Coy move showing:-
(i) No of packages of stores to be transported to ROADHEAD.
(ii) Total wt and capacity.
(iii) Boy loads (30-40 lbs).

5. Return of Stores to Q Store

The following stores will be returned to Q Store by 011600L:-

- (a) All half shelters.
(b) All boxes Mag Bren.
(3) All Magazines Bren less 2 per Bren.
Half shelters to be put in bundles of 10, boxes mag and magazines to be in a clean serviceable condition.

6. INVENTORIES

- (a) An inventory of stores left in Coy areas will be issued by QM at an early date.
(b) It is anticipated that these lists will be almost identical with the inventories already submitted by Coys.
(c) Such items as buckets, dishes, lanterns etc, will be bulked in Coy Q Stores for easy checking.
(d) On handing over, signatures will be obtained on 3 copies of the inventory. Distribution 1 to 27 Bn Coy Rep, 2 to QM.
(e) No inventory need be made of surplus rations held by Coys. These rations will be left in bulk, either in Coy Q Store or kitchens.
(f) A signature will have to be given by 7 Bn representatives for reserve rations left in 27 areas. These include 3 days SWP, 4 days lard with a quantity of FORs in forward posts.
(g) Coy reps will make a careful check of all stores left in 27 Bn areas before signing for same.

7. Preparation of weapons for move -

- (a) All holdalls to be tied to Brens, working parts to be oiled and well covered.
(b) 2" mortars as for Brens.
(c) 3" Mortars to be made up into 3 loads.
(d) MMGs - 3 loads consisting of body, tripod, X load. Spare parts case to be tied to X load. Take only necessary stores from spare parts box. Remainder of box to be left with HQ Coy stores at LOB.
(e) All packages of arms and automatic weapons to be inspected by an officer before carry commences.

8. Movement of Stores to forward positions

- (a) All stores for forward movement must be securely packed in boy loads prior to leaving this site.
(b) All boxes, bundles etc are to be plainly marked with a Coy marking. The number of the post they are consigned to will also be marked on them.
(c) An inventory will be kept by the Coy, of the contents of each package.

9. Coy Boot Makers

- (a) Tools only to be taken forward. Leather, tacks etc will be left in Coy Areas for 27 Bn. No inventory required.

10. Stretcher Taps

- (a) To be removed from cots Aust. Coys should hold one per man. Where this is not the case, canvas must be removed from cots American.

11. Salvage

- (a) All salvage from Coy areas, such as can boxes, shells, clips, US Stores etc to be returned to Bn Store by 011600L.

12. Medical

- (a) Change-over to be arranged by MO.
(b) Necessary store lists to be submitted.
(c) Each soldier will be issued with 24 atabrin tablets, to be

in the Outfits First Aid Individual. It is anticipated that new Outfits First Aid will be available from QM prior to move.

13. Amenities

- (a) Change-over to be arranged by YMCA Rep.
- (b) List of stores to be moved forward will be required (see para 4).

14. Ammunition to be carried on man

- (a) 50 rounds SAA.
- (b) 180 rounds .9 mm.

In the Field
29 May 45

W. J. Davidson Capt.
Adjnt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

A Coy
B Coy
C Coy
D Coy
HQ Coy
C O
S i/o
Adjnt
QM
RMO
YMCA Rep
RSM
War Diary (3)
File

SECRET

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM INSTRUCTION NO 4
(Relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) in CENTRAL SECTOR by 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF))

Copy No. 16...
31 May 45

1. GENERAL
This instruction covers the move of 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) to relieve 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and the functioning of various branches on arrival.
2. MOVEMENT
Move commences 3 Jun 45. It is anticipated that the changeover will extend over a period of one week. Tpt will report to the Tpt Offr at 0600 hrs daily for the purpose of moving both personnel and stores.
Movement timetable as per Appendix B.
All heavy weapons and unit stores will be carried from Roadhead to No 1 Post by native carriers, thence by jeep to respective posts.
3. TENTATIVE DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL
As per Appendix A.
4. PAY
Pay Sgt will remain at Roadhead.
Coys will requisition for pay fortnightly in the normal manner.
5. POSTAL
Postal Sgt will remain at Roadhead. Mail will be collected from FPO by Postal Orderly remaining at LOB.
LOB mail will be sorted the remainder forwarded to Postal Sgt who will resort into post lots for distribution.
6. MEDICAL
Bn RAP is located at Post No 7.
Tps on KEENANS RIDGE and at CHOCO needing medical attention will be evacuated back to Roadhead for treatment by 8 Aust Fd Amb.
7. CANTEEN
Separate instruction issued.
8. EDUCATION
AES Sgt located at Bn HQ. Coys will be visited regularly. It is suggested that one book per man be carried.
Reading material is very limited.
9. YMCA
Refreshment points will be established at No 1 Post, Track Junction at PEARL RIDGE and on BERRYS HILL. YMCA at Roadhead. Playing cards writing and reading material will be delivered by YMCA Rep as available.
10. HYGIENE
Rats are very prevalent in the new area. All available rat traps will be carried with Coy Stores.
A high standard of hygiene must be maintained at all times.
11. DRESS
All rifle Pl tps will leave their puggarees at LOB. When berets become available first preference will be given to rifle Coys.
12. ACK

Signed at 31/430
Issued by ORLS

J. W. Davidson Capt.
Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION

Subunit

Copy No

HQ Coy	1 & 2
A Coy	3
B Coy	4
C Coy	5
D Coy	6
CO	7
2 i/o	8
Adjt	9
QM	10
TO	11
IO	12
RMO	13
File	14
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TENTATIVE DISPOSITION OF PERSONNEL

APPENDIX A

SECRET 30 May 45

POST	TPT	NO COY	PIB	PIB	BN HQ	ENGRS	HY	MOR	A	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	RD HEAD
	1	2	3	4	5	5+	6		7	8	9	10	11	12			
Coy Pers		1-12							3-41	5-103	2-43	1-39	1-29	5-90	1-29	1-39	2
Sigs					2-21				3	3	3			4	2	3	2
M M Q																	2
Mortars														1-27			
Tk/A									5	6	6	11		1-16		7	
Pers																	14
Adm																	1-28
Tpt	2-9					1					1			1			
SBS																	2-16
Int Sec						2			1-4	4		2	2	4	1	1	
Cooks incl offsiders	2					3				1	1						
Bn HQ						5-22											3
TOTAL BN PERSONNEL	1-11	1-12				2-52			4-53	5-117	2-54	1-52	1-31	7-142	1-32	1-37	4-71
ATTACHED																	
23 Bdo Sigs						3											
27 Pers		1-28															8
82 ADU																	
4 Fd Regt		3			1-1				2	1-4	3			1-4	1	1-3	1-4
8 Fd Amb	4								1-6								
23 Fd Coy	5					11									2		
244 Sup Pl																	
101 Hy Mor	1							1-25					1-11				
1 PIB					2-6												
ANGAU																	
AA GHE					2-1										1		
Amenities	1					1											
LAD	1	2															1
Pro Pl																	
23 Bdo																	1
P Sec FS						2											
GRAND TOTAL	1-24	2-45		2-6	10-62	11	1-25	5-61	6-121	2-57	2-63	1-31	8-146	1-36	2-40	5-24	

LOB

4 13

2

3

3 1-4

1-4

TOTAL 2-30

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) MOVEMENT TABLE.

APPENDIX B

SECRET

(relief of 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) from CENTRAL SECTOR)

31 May 45

Serial	Date	Unit Personnel	Approx No	Tpt	Stores	Time	OC Convoy	Destination	Remarks
1	3 Jun	one Pl B Coy one Pl D Coy	24 32	3x3 ton	Pl Stores	0700	Lt-RUSH	Post No 12 Post No 8	Relieve fwd patrols 27 Bn
2	4 Jun	two Pls A Coy one det Mor Int Sec No 1 Pl No 2 Pl Comd & Batman No 3 Pl Comd & Batman No 6 Pl QM & 7 ORs Bn HQ Int Offr & 2 ORs Asst/Adjt & 2 ORs 2A/cs Batman & QMSSs from A B C D Coys Sig Pers for Roadhead & Bn HQ (incl Sig O)	60 7 1 5 2 2 3 3 3 12 5	4x3 ton 1x3 ton	Pl Stores Mortar & Stores 10 cwt of stores Bn Office Stores	0700	Lt BILTON	CHOCO&KEENANS No 12 Post " " " Roadhead No 5 Post Roadhead respective posts	Adv Party
3	5 Jun	HQ Coy Post 2 No 4 Pl CSM HQ Coy Int Sec No 6 Pl (Dvrs) Balance of Roadhead Pay Postal Canteen & QStaff CO & Batman	13 14 1 1 3 26 2	 7x3 ton	Coy Stores Pl Stores incl PITA Guns Canteen Stores	0700	Capt BARLEE	Post 2 Roadhead Post 5 Post 1	
4	6 Jun	B Coy Less 1 Pl No 3 Pl HQs plus 2 dots No 2 Pl complete No 1 Pl D Coy 6 NCOs No 6 Pl Hygiene 1 Dvrs	76 15 25 4 6 1 3	 8 x 3ton	Coy Stores Mortars&Stores MMG & Stores	0700	Capt MGINNES	Relieve D Coy 27 Bn stay for night Post 8	Relieve B Coy 27 Bn at Pos 12 on Thurs morning
5	7 Jun	D Coy Less One Pl No 1 Pl No 3 Pl one dot Int Sec Bn HQ RPs RMP Sgt RSM & Batman Sjt SAWYER No 1 Pl Offrs Mess Staff	78 3 6 1 1 2 1 1 12 2	 5 x 3ton 2x3 ton	Coy Stores Mortar&Stores Mod Stores Office Files Sig Eqpt Mess Gear	0700	Capt ROBERTS	No 8 Post Post 8 Post 8 Post 8 Post 7 Post 5 Post 5 Post 5 Post 5	Move into area vacated by D Coy 27 Bn on 6 Jun

Serial	Date	Unit Personnel	Approx Nos	Tpt	Stores	OC CONVOY	Time	Destination	Remarks
6	8 Jun	C Coy Less INCO&14	100		Coy Stores	Capt CAMERON	0700	Posts 9, 10 & 11	receive Coy 27th
		No 3 Pl 3 dots	17		Mer & Stores			Posts 9 & 10	
		No 6 Pl Hygiene	1					Post 9	
		Int Sec	1					Post 9	
		Sigs	3	7x3 ton				Post 9	
		Bn HQ Pers	2					Post 5	
		Dvrs	2					Post 1	
7	9 Jun	2i/c & Batman	2			Maj JONES	0700	Post 5	
		C Coy INCO & 140Rs	15					Post 9	
		Lt CAMERON & 12 Sigs	13	5 x 3 ton	Remainder Sig St pos			Post 5	
		A Coy Less 2 Pls	42		Coy Stores			Post 7	
		No 3 Pl (1 dot)	5		Mer & Stores			Post 7	
		Asst QM & Batman	2		remainder Q Stores			Roadhead	
		RMO & Batman	2	2 x 3 ton				Post 7	
		Bn HQ Pers	12		remainder of Stores			Post 5	

NO COPY TO BE MADE AT THIS STATION

POSTS

Posts will be numbered as follows:-

- Post 1 Barges Hill (Tpt)
- Post 2 Martins Knoll (HQ Coy -- Amn Dump)
- Post 3 George Hill (PIB) 2 Pls
- Post 4 Arty Hill (PIB) Coy HQ & 1 Pl
- Post 5 Arty Ridge (Bn HQ plus Sec pnr)
- Post 5½ Water Point (Engineers)
- Post 6 Barkers Brow (Pl 4 2 mortars)
- Post 7 Barkers Brow (A Coy)
- Post 8 Pearl Ridge (D Coy)
- Post 9 Smiths Hill (C Coy) Coy HQ, 15 Pl
- Post 10 Hunts Hill (C Coy 13 Pl)
- Post 11 Little Hunts Hill (C Coy 14 Pl)
- Post 12 Berrys Hill (B Coy)

Serial	Date	Coy	Area	Subject	Lesson	Remarks
1	28 May	A	Square 5796	Coy Exercise	Coy in defence Tac Doctrine No 6	Special attention to be paid to immediate counter attack plan
2		C	No 3 Range	Range Practice	SAT Vol 1 Pam 4-Bron OSMG practice & EY Rifles will be fired	
3(a)		D	Camp Area	a.m. Lecture Sand-table ex	Discussion on 27 Bn patrol reports returned from PEARL RIDGE.	All NCOs must be fully informed of all infm regarding enemy & own tps strength & dispositions in area of coming ops. Coy Comds to supervise this matter personally.
3(b)				p.m. TeOET-Weapon Trg	Rifle Bron Grenades JD	
4	29 May	A	Square 5796	Coy Exercise	Coy in withdrawal - Tropical Warfare Pam 2 Ch 12	
5		C	Square 5796	Serial 1		
6		D	No 3 Range	Serial 2		
7	30 May	A	Camp Area	Serial 3(a) & 3(b)		
8		C	Square 5796	Serial 4		
9		D	Square 5796	Serial 1		
10	31 May	A	No 3 Range	Serial 2		
11		C	Camp Area	a.m. Coy Comds Discretion	Football, Volley & Basketball	
12		D	Square 5796	Serial 4		
13	1 Jun	A	Camp Area	Serial 11	Football, softball, volley ball	
14		C	Camp Area	Serial 3(a) & 3(b)		
15		D	Bn Sports Oval	Serial 11		
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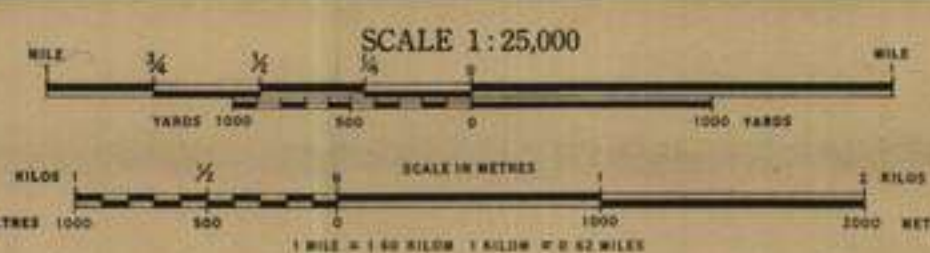
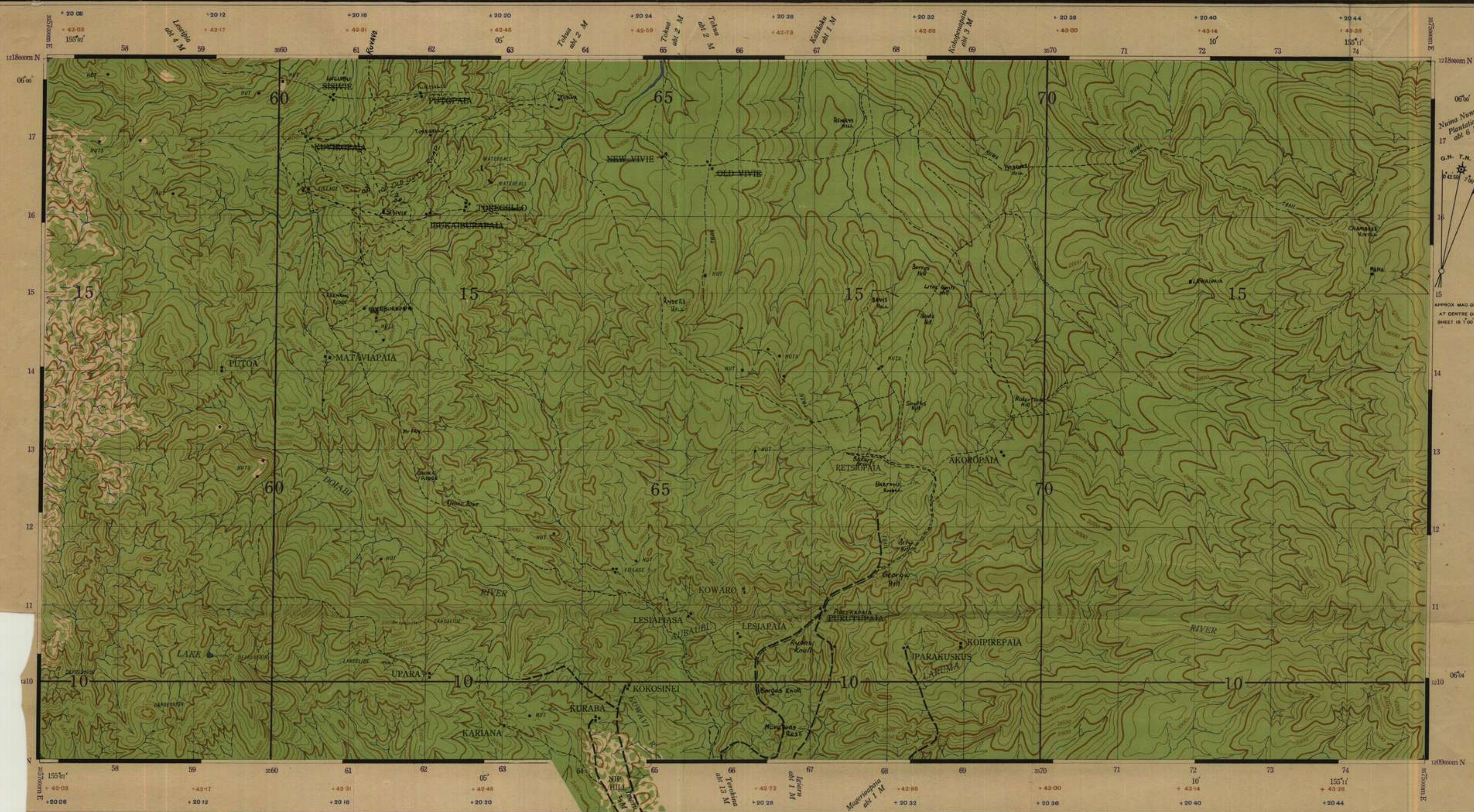
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7 AUST INF BN (AIF) DIARY OF SYLLABUS FOR WEEK ENDING 2 JUN 45

REF MAP TOROKINA 1" to 1 ml

Serial	Date	Coy	Area	Subject	Lesson	Remarks
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6		D	No 3 Range	Serial 2		
7	30 May	A	Camp Area	Serial 3(a) & 3(b)		
8		C	Square 5796	Serial 4		
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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1 Jun 45 To 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			<p>The SEVENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF) is the NORTH WEST MURRAY BORDERERS REGIMENT, with its Headquarters in peacetime at MILDURA VIC. It is commanded by Lt col H L E DUNKLEY MC, and its chief officers are -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2 i/c Major C JONES Adjt Capt G.W. DAVIDSON</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">I.O. Lt D M W EDWARDS Sig O. Lt K E DELLER</p> <p>Coy Comds -</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">HQ Coy Capt L.N. MACKINNON A Coy - MAJOR K BLABY</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">B Coy Capt W.O McINNES C Coy - Capt W.O. CAMERON</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">D Coy - Capt R. ROBERTS</p>	

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TOROKINA	1 Jun 45		Ref Maps TOROKINA 1" INUS 1" KOWARO IBU PIPIPAIA NUMA NUMA, RURA VO ARIGUA TEIHUP 1 : 25000	
	2 Jun 45	0700L	Bn preparing for move to CENTRAL SECTOR. 15 Pl left TOROKINA for PEARL RIDGE to receive final instructions re taking over role of P.I.B. patrol at MAPIA Ref 713174.	Appendix 1 Patrol instruction No 1
		0730L	Adjutant and Intelligence Officer visited 27 Australian Infantry Battalion PEARL RIDGE to make final arrangements for taking over their responsibilities in the CENTRAL SECTOR.	
		1200L	Information received that D Company would not move to CENTRAL SECTOR, but would prepare to land on EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE and establish a firm base in the vicinity of ASITAVI POINT 747332. B Company to establish a firm base in area to be located by patrol along the WAKUNAI RIVER. B and D Companies will then patrol towards one another finally cutting the island in two.	
		1600L	Commanding Officer holds conference with Company Commanders and outlines plans for future operations. Lt BONDE to command patrol to WAKUNAI RIVER.	Appendix 2 OP instn No 3 & Adm Order No 10
ARTILLERY RIDGE		1900L	Lt BONDE briefed.	Appx 3 OP Instn 2
		1500L	15 Pl arrived from TOROKINA staging overnight prior to moving to MAPIA.	
	3 Jun 45	0900L	I.O. makes tactical reconnaissance of central sector and NUMA NUMA area.	
		1430L	Commanding Officer, O.C. D Coy and Lt DAVIES, OC 6 Pl P.I.B. (accompanying D Company to NUMA NUMA) inspect corvette which will convey D Company to EAST coast.	
PEARL RIDGE		0700L	11 Pl departed TOROKINA for PEARL RIDGE from where they will patrol down the WAKUNAI RIVER.	
		0730L	15 Pl departed 27 Aust Inf Bn HQs PEARL RIDGE for MAPIA. 2 i/c visited 27 Aust Inf Bn to discuss proposed operations with Lt.col POPE, Commanding Officer 27 Aust Inf Bn and make	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 3 Jun 45 To 6 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PEARL RIDGE TOROKINA	4 Jun 45	0730L	any necessary changes in plans. Move of main body to CENTRAL SECTOR commenced. I.O. Assistant Adjutant, 2 i/c Companies, 6, 7, 9 and 14 Pls first to move. The journey to 27 Aust Inf Bn entails a rough trip by road along the LARUMA RIVER for approximately 14 miles in which distance the river is crossed 25 times. On arrival at road head one has to climb 800 feet ^{up} BARGES HILL. This climb is a pipe opener to what lies ahead across the treacherous NUMA NUMA trail. At the top of BARGES HILL a jeep road runs along PEARL RIDGE to BERRYS HILL, a distance of 5½ miles. 7 and 9 Pls moved direct to KEENANS RIDGE from road head.	Appx 4 Summary of conference held 2 Aust Corps 3 Jun 45
		0800L	Lt BONDE's patrol for WAKUNAI RIVER departs from BERRYS HILL	
		0830L	11 Pl less Lt BONDE's patrol takes over standing patrol base at 683159 from 27 Aust Inf Bn. Enemy is in occupation 687157	
		1400L	14 Pl arrives TIERNANS SPUR 691155. 25 pounders harass enemy positions on TIERNANS SPUR. during night 4/5 June.	
TOROKINA	5 Jun 45	1700L	Lt BONDE's patrol establish base for night 4/5 Jun at 674200.	
		0700L	Commanding Officer and party departed TOROKINA for PEARL RIDGE	
		0815L	The honor of having inflicted the first enemy casualty goes to 15 Pl. 2 Nips were ambushed and killed on the NUMA NUMA trail at 725186	
		1100L	Commanding Officer arrived 27 Aust Inf Bn HQ. ARTILLERY RIDGE.	
TOROKINA BERRYS HILL	6 Jun 45	1400L	Commanding Officer holds conference of all officers who have arrived PEARL RIDGE area and discusses further plans re move and taking over from 27 Aust Inf Bn.	
		1415L	14 Pl making their first advance on enemy positions along TIERNANS SPUR contacted enemy estimated strength 10. 2 enemy were killed and 1 LMG captured. Own casualties NIL	
		0700L	B Coy departed TOROKINA for PEARL RIDGE.	
		1400L	B Coy arrived BERRYS HILL.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 6 Jun 45 To 7 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BERRYS HILL	6 Jun 45	1630L	Lt BONDE's patrol report having located an area suitable for a Company perimeter and dropping ground at 697245.	
		1700L	Also reports presence of Pro-Jap KANAKAS along WAKUNAI RIVER from 711256 to the coast. 2 patrols from 7 Pl reconnoitred enemy positions at SISIVIE 614162 during day. Patrols moved to within 50 yards of enemy position and engaged the enemy who replied with HMG and LMG fire. One enemy was killed. Own casualties NIL.	appx 5 SISIVIE patrol report 1. appx 6 SISIVIE patrol report 2.
PEARL RIDGE	7 Jun 45	0800L	7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) assumed operational command CENTRAL SECTOR. On completion of move 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) and units under command and in support were disposed as follows - Bn HQ ARTILLERY RIDGE 684118 Rear Bn HQ ROAD HEAD 659090 A Company less 681137 7 Pl KIERNAN'S RIDGE 605146 9 Pl CHOKO RIDGE 618127 B Company BERRYS HILL 684151 C Company less TIERNANS SPUR 693159 15 Pl MAPIA 714174 D Company TOROKINA 573954 HQ Company MARTINS KNOLL 673112 B Company PIB ARTILLERY HILL 685117 10 Battery 4th Field Regiment ROAD HEAD 657095 3 Pl 101 Aust Heavy Mortar Coy BERRYS HILL 684151 Detachment 23 Aust Field Coy ROADHEAD 685121 Detachment 23 806 Signal Section ARTILLERY RIDGE 684118 Detachment 243 Aust Supply Depot Pl ROADHEAD 659090	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 7 Jun 45 To 8 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
PEARL RIDGE	7 Jun 45		8 Aust Field Ambulance B Company ROADHEAD 659090 Detachment 14 Aust Independent Provost Pl ROADHEAD 659090 ANGAU MARTINS KNOLL 673112	
		1400L	Lt RUSH's patrol making reconnaissance of enemy position 687157 find that the enemy abandoned the position during the night of 6/7 June. It is thought that the enemy must have known that RUSH, FERRARI, RILEY, and MacDONALD, were on the job. Equipment captured included several rifles. 2 fresh graves were located. The feature was called RUSH'S KNOLL named after the "RUSSELL STREET" Police Constable Lt G RUSH.	Appx 6A. Patrol instrs and report No 3.
KEENANS RIDGE		1700L	Under command of Lt DONALD a patrol to SISIVIE observed movement in enemy position. The patrol was fired on by HMG and LMG. A Company from their patrol information have the enemy position well taped, and are keen to attack.	Appx 7 SISIVIE patrol report no 3.
BAKERS BROW			C Coy less 14 and 15 Pls stage night 7/8 June post 7 BAKERS BROW en route to relieve D Coy 27 Aust Inf Bn TIERNANS SPUR. Artillery harassed enemy position TIERNANS SPUR throughout the day.	
KEENANS RIDGE ARTILLERY HILL	8 Jun 45	0800L	9 Pl moved their base from CHOKO RIDGE to KEENANS . 7 Pl P.I.B. departed ARTILLERY HILL for MAPIA to relieve 15 Pl.	
TIERNANS SPUR		1130L	14 Pl patrol accompanied by Forward Observation Officer moving along TIERNANS SPUR contacted enemy in bunkers and foxholes astride the track 300 yards forward of 14 Pls position. 1 enemy was killed. Own casualties Forward Observation Officer Lt MORGAN, 10 Battery 4 Field Regiment killed.	Appx 8 patrol instr No 5.
BERRYSHILL		1200L 1730L	C Coy less 15 Pl now at TIERNANS SPUR. 15 Pl still at MAPIA. Lt Bonde's patrol returned to BERRYS HILL from the WAKUNAI RIVER.	Appx 9 Patrol report No 2

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1730L 8 Jun 45 To 1500L 10 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
ARTILLERY RIDGE	8 Jun 45	1730L	Lt SANDFORD, Australian Intelligence Bureau, who is operating along the EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE to locate a suitable landing place for D Company, reports having struck enemy in strength at KEVISIA 699464. Considers YAUWAUN as the only suitable place for landing to be made. 23 Aust Inf Bde advise verbally that movement of D Company has now been deferred till 12 June earliest.	Appx 10 Army Form 3008, 3009
TIERNANS SPUR	9 Jun 45		Artillery harassed enemy positions TIERNANS SPUR during night 8/9 June.	
MARTINS KNOLL MAPIA		1000L 1100L	Unit's first air drop at Post 2 resulted in 100% recovery. 7 Pl PIB arrived MAPIA to establish a base for operations along the NUMA NUMA trail.	Appx 11 PIB Patrol instr No 3
BERRYS HILL TIERNANS SPUR		1200L 1200L 1500L 1745L	15 Pl departed MAPIA for TIERNANS SPUR. 3 inch mortars range on to TIERNANS SPUR during morning. 13 Pl move forward 100 yards along TIERNANS SPUR 693160 After consolidating 13 Pl were fired on by 2 LMGs further along spur. Pte MEWBURN was slightly wounded. He should have no further worry in parting his hair and the bullet gave him one permanently. Artillery, mortars and MMG harassed enemy on TIERNANS SPUR during the day.	
TIERNANS SPUR	10 Jun	0700L	A patrol under the command of Captain CAMERON reconnoitred enemy positions on NEW VIVIE feature at approx 685165. Shots exchanged between 13 Pl and enemy during night 9/10 Jun, Resulted in one enemy being killed. 13 Pl dug in 30 yds from the enemy.	Appx 12 Patrol instr No 6
ARTILLERY RIDGE		1100L	Brigade Commander arrived ARTILLERY RIDGE and moved with the Commanding Officer to TIERNANS SPUR.	
BAKERS BROW		1350L	15 Pl returned from MAPIA staging night 10/11 Jun before proceeding to TIERNANS SPUR.	
TIERNANS SPUR		1500L	14 Pl patrol forward of 13 Pl position, and killed 1 enemy collecting kai.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1525L 10 Jun 45 To 1545L 12 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TIERNANS SPUR	10 Jun 45	1525L	Commanding Officer's message to Capt CAMERON to attack enemy in front of C Company's position on 11 Jun.	Appx 13
BERRYS HILL TIERNANS SPUR	11 Jun	1600L	B Company's standing patrol returned from RUSH'S KNOLL.	
		0600L	Artillery harassed enemy position 693162 night 10/11 Jun. Nips attacked 14 Pl. Attack repulsed. Own casualties one killed.	
		1000L	Following artillery, mortar and MMG fire 13 Pl attacked enemy position 693162. Flame thrower was used for first time. 13 Pl moved via left flank and cleared feature for 200 yards forward of 14 Pl's position 693160. Forward elements pushed on further 100 yards, clearing bunkers with grenades. Equipment and documents captured included swords and rifles. 10 enemy were killed. Own casualties 2 killed, 1 wounded. In this action, Sjt BENNETT, commanded the pl, and was killed after showing outstanding courage. Battle casualties :- Killed in action - <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> VX89415 Sjt BENNETT A.A. WX37426 Pte WATSON A.B. VX134795 L/Cpl DOUGHERTY M.I. </div> Wounded in action. <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> VX89386 Sjt SCHURR C.H. VX67252 Pte BRANNELLY J.P. </div>	Appx 14 PIB Patrol 1 report No 3. Appx 15 7 Aust Inf Bn Op Instr No 4
BASE POINT 3	12 Jun	1000L	Sjt SCHURR C.H. later died from wounds in 106 C.C.S. Arty/R on enemy huts and trenches 696165. Pilot reported shooting effective.	
BERRYS HILL SISIVIE		1000L	Bn HQs closed 684118, re-opened 684149.	
		1200L	Major BLABY and patrol find SISIVIE unoccupied. Enemy had apparently abandoned position during night 11/12 Jun. Some equipment was captured and 9 graves were found in the enemy's position. 9 Pl occupied enemy position 694162.	
BASE POINT 3		1545L	Coy's patrols forward of Coy position returned having contacted enemy estimated strength 8 approx 250 yards forward	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BASE POINT 3 BERRYS HILL	12 Jun 45	1545L 1530L	of P1 position. 2 enemy were killed. Own casualties NIL. Air strike requested for 14 Jun on enemy position Base Point 3	
BERRYS HILL	13 Jun 45	0900L	694165. B Coy preparing to move to WAKUNAI RIVER to establish a firm base at 697245.	
TIERNANS SPUR		0930L	B Coy commenced hike to WAKUNAI base, a distance of 12 miles over rugged country and involving numerous creek crossings. Following artillery support 15 Pl advanced along ridge for 150 yds. Enemy were contacted. After heavy fire fight 7 enemy were killed. Later 15 Pl advanced along NEW VIVIE for 300 yds and found a Nip medical post which had been hurriedly evacuated this morning. Documents and equipment captured included 2 swords.	
WAKUNAI SISIVIE		1720L 1720L	B Coy spend night 13/14 Jun at 671183 on route to WAKUNAI	
KEENANS RIDGE	14 Jun	0800L	9 Pl could not tolerate the stench of the enemy position and dug in 100 yds north of position at 614163.	
BERRYS HILL		1250L	Lt DONALD's patrol departed KEENANS RIDGE to reconnoitre enemy position at TOKUA.	
WEARNES HILL		1340L	Advice received from 23 Aust Inf Bde that plans for landing Company group by corvette on NORTH EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE has been cancelled. There will be no movement of D Coy from TOROKINA until further advised.	
BERRYS HILL		1640L	A 15 Pl patrol commanded by Sgt WALSH moving along NUMA NUMA trail from NEW VIVIE feature to WEARNES HILL located an enemy listeningpost and killed 1 Nip. 1 dum dum bullet was found in the Nip's haversack. After the patrol returned, artillery and mortars ranged on to the enemy's position.	
MAPIA WEARNES HILL WAKUNAI PEARL RIDGE	15 Jun	0915L 1100L 1200L	Advice received that D Coy group would move to PEARL RIDGE on 15 Jun. PIB patrols operated along NUMA NUMA trail. Air strike cancelled due to bad weather conditions. B Coy arrived at firm base 697245 after 2½ days march. D Coy arrived Post 8 from TOROKINA	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
KEENANS RIDGE	15 Jun 45	1600L	Lt DONALD's patrol returned having engaged enemy position at TOKUA, and killing 2 Nips.	Appx 15A, SISIVIE patrol report 4.
WEARNES HILL	16 Jun	0700L	C Coy patrols during day reconnoitred enemy positions WEARNES HILL. Artillery and mortars harassed the position during the day.	
		0900L	Artillery and mortars harassed enemy position WEARNES HILL night 15/16 Jun. Air strike on WEARNES HILL. 12 Corsairs bombed and strafed enemy positions. 15 Pl moved forward along track after air strike supported by artillery, mortars and MMGs. After heavy fire fights 15 Pl forced the enemy to withdraw from 2 features after advancing 500 yds along the track. Documents and equipment captured included 3 swords and LMG. No casualties. Advance continued to a third feature 694166 where the Pl encountered heavy LMG and rifle fire from a bunkered position. Enemy casualties 1 killed. Own casualties 2 killed, 2 wounded. Battle casualties . Killed in action - VX134511 Pte SCOTT C.W.K. WX34085 Pte GURNEY M.K.D. Wounded in action - VX66642 Pte BERTHON P. N385423 Pte MEWBURN M.E. VX65968 Pte MCGREGOR D.	
WEARNES HILL	17 Jun	1500L 0900L 1630L	Artillery harassed enemy position 694166. Following accurate artillery and mortar fire 14 Pl moved forward to engage enemy position 694166, but again heavy opposition was struck. Lt BA SKERVILLE was wounded. Enemy casualties 4 probably killed. 1 enemy LMG was knocked out. Patrol to left flank report 8 - 10 enemy reinforcing position from the rear. Artillery and mortars were brought down on the position.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (ALF) Date and Time.—From 0900L 17 Jun 45 To 1600 19 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAKUNAI	17 Jun 45	0900L	B Coy recce patrols operating around Company base to gain topographical information. First air drop to B Coy. Many stores missed dropping ground and landed in the jungle and some in the WAKUNAI river but most of them were recovered. Pilots' comments on B Coy's dropping ground are unfavourable.	
WEARNES HILL	18 Jun		Artillery and mortars harassed enemy position 694166 throughout the night.	
		1200L 1700L	Relief of C Coy by D Coy commenced. 18 Pl relieved 14 Pl. C Coy patrols during day observed movement along NUMA NUMA trail NORTH of enemy position 694166. 5 Nips carrying 2 LMGs and 3 rifles were observed. 1 patrol engaged and killed 1 enemy.	
SISIVIE		1130L	A patrol commanded by Lt McKENZIE to TOKUA returned. Patrol engaged enemy position at TOKUA and killed 3 enemy. The patrol estimates that 8 - 10 enemy hold TOKUA.	Appx 16 SISIVIE patrol report 8
WAKUNAI			Natives report enemy BURITSIOTORARA, have extensive gardens, and vegetables are taken from BURITSIOTORARA to PIPIPAIA in hand carts along the main KIAP ROAD.	
MAPIA		1200L	A P.I.B. patrol encountered 10 enemy at 723184 moving along the NUMA NUMA trail to BASEPOINT 2. 3 enemy were killed.	
BERRYS HILL			Colonel O'LOUGHLIN AAG 2 Aust Corps visits unit and stays overnight.	
HUNTS HILL	19 Jun	0800L	6 Pl P.I.B. departed HUNTS HILL to relieve 8 Pl P.I.B. at MAPIA BASE.	
BERRYS HILL			Brigade Commander, Colonel REEVES CSO, Colonel HOOKER and Lt Colonel ELLIOT-SMITH CO 1 PIB visited unit.	
WEARNES HILL		1210L 1700L	D Coy HQ and 17Pl relieves C Coy HQ and 15 Pl. D Coy patrols recce enemy position 694166 and located a suitable approach via left flank.	
			Artillery harassed position during afternoon.	
TOKUA		1600L	A patrol commanded by Lt DONALD ambushed 8 enemy on the IBU track NORTH of TOKUA. Enemy were carrying packs and	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1600L 19 Jun 45 To 1700L 21 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOKUA	19 Jun 45	1600L	cooking gear and were armed with short rifles. Casualties enemy 4 killed. Own NIL. When engaged, enemy dispersed and fired indiscriminately preventing close examination of bodies. Equipment and documents captured included document which gave us our first information of the 81st Infantry Regiment flag ceremony on the 14th July.	Appx 17 SISIVIE patrol Report 9 Appx 18 Location Statement No 8
WEARNES HILL	20 Jun 45	0900L	18 Pl attacked the extensive enemy position at 694166 and from the left flank, captured the position after a bitter fire fight. Own casualties, 2 killed, 1 wounded. Documents and equipment were captured. 17 Pl moved through 18 Pl and encountered accurate fire from enemy snipers 200 yds forward of the captured position. Casualties own 1 killed 2 wounded. 17 & 18 Pls later withdrew and arty and mortars were brought down on the position. Battle Casualties : Killed in action - <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> VX117297 Lt LONGMORE F R VX68026 Pte ARGHER R Q136621 L/Cpl SCHMIDT K F </div> Died of Wounds : VX115945 Pte STEPHENS H W P Wounded in action : VX115935 L/Sjt REID L A <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> N464373 Pte BUSHELL G.M. </div>	
TOKUA			A patrol commanded by Lt CAMERON located a suitable position for a firm base at 637165.	Appx 19 Patrol report No 15
HUNTS HILL		1330L 1800L	8 Pl P.I.B. returned from MAPIA. Advance elements of 2 Australian Mountain Battery arrived PEARL RIDGE 676130.	
WAKUNAI	21 Jun	1500L 1700L	B Coy patrol found no signs of enemy activity along the WAKUNAI RIVER to 740276. 2 OPs at 739293 and 729283 overlooking INUS POINT and NUMA NUMA Plantation were located. Another B Coy patrol under command Lt RUSH returned from BURITSIOTORARA. Patrol approached the enemy position at BURITSIOTORARA from the NORTH WEST and killed 1 Nip.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1700L 21 Jun 45 To 0800L 22 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAKUNAI	21 Jun 45	1700L	Within 10 seconds the Nips returned the fire from 2 LMGs and rifles.	
		0945L	A third B Coy patrol commanded by Lt BONDE whilst reconnoitring for a suitable ambush position along the ASIUEPAIA-BURITSIOTORARA track encountered 15/20 enemy at 662245. 2 enemy were killed and the remainder dispersed, firing indiscriminately on our patrol.	
WEARNES HILL		1600L	16 Pl patrol to enemy position 691169 killed 1, and probably killed another enemy.	
		1945 L	The enemy fired indiscriminately into 18 Pl perimeter. No casualties.	
MAPIA		1200L	A PIB patrol on a recce to 724184 from MAPIA contacted 5 enemy digging a position at 720184. Casualties enemy 1 killed 2 wounded. Own Nil.	
BERRYS HILL	22 Jun 45	0830L	Brigadier CHALMERS, CCRA 2 Aust Corps, visited the Battalion. 2 stretcher cases Pte MILL and Pte PHELAN being carried in by natives from 697245 to BERRYS HILL.	
WAKUNAI		2230L	Whilst climbing BERRYS HILL stretcher party was fired on but escaped casualties. The PIB on RUSH's KNOLL seeing stretcher party's torches evidently thought an attack was being made on BERRYS HILL. 1 stretcher case who was missing for some time afterwards, had apparently joined in the search for himself.	
WEARNES HILL		0900L	ARTILLERY RECONNAISSANCE on enemy position 693177 report having observed trenches on a small knoll. T	
		1700L	During the day D Coy patrols reconnoitred enemy position 694166 for likely approaches. Artillery and mortars harassed enemy position throughout day.	
BERRYS HILL		0800L	Sjt FAUX and party departed from BERRYS HILL to lay line to B Coy base at WAKUNAI RIVER.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1700L 23 Jun 45 To 1200L 26 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEARNES HILL	23 Jun 45		Artillery and mortars harassed the enemy position throughout the night 22/23 June.	
		1700L	Sjt MIDDLEBY's patrol located an enemy position at 691165 on a spur running WEST from the main ridge. Bunkers were observed but no movement seen.	
SMITH'S HILL		0800L	8 Pl A Coy departed from SMITH'S HILL to establish a firm base at 637166 from where operations will be directed against TOKUA.	
WEARNES HILL	24 Jun 45	1700L	Following artillery 16 Pl D Coy moved forward and occupied enemy position 691169 and later the extensive position at 694166. 4 enemy bodies were found. Coy moved forward and dug in on these positions.	
MAPIA		1700L	A PIB patrol returning to its base at MAPIA encountered 3 enemy at 717186 killing 1.	Appx 20 PIB Patrol No 4
WEARNES HILL	25 Jun		D Coy patrols operating forward of Coy position found an abandoned Nip Headquarters at 694168. Some documents and equipment were captured. Later a patrol located an extensive enemy position on CENTRE HILL 694174. Patrol engaged the position and enemy replied with rifle fire. WEARNES HILL is now clear of enemy.	
		1600L	8 Pl PIB established a firm base near CHARLIE CREEK from which they will operate in the rear of the enemy along the NUMA NUMA TRAIL.	
SMITHS HILL CENTRE HILL	26 Jun	1600L 0900L	9 Pl returned from SISIVIE. 16 Pl fighting patrol encountered heavy opposition from enemy well dug in on CENTRE HILL. Casualties enemy 1 killed. Own casualties 2 killed 7 wounded (including 6 slightly wounded)	
		1200L	Artillery and mortars were brought down on the enemy position. Bombing and strafing requested on CENTRE HILL 27 Jun.	
			Battle Casualties: Killed in action - N452780 Pte LORD W J VX69654 Pte GUNTER K	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1200L 26 Jun 45 To 1600L 27 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WEARNES HILL	26 Jun 45	1200L	Wounded in action - QX50617 Pte O'REILLY W.O. VX68730 Pte NELSON D.M. VX68130 Pte MacINTOSH J. V64795 Pte SPORN J P G VX148988 Pte SPORN F. QX40269 Pte ROSS W.B. VX68330 Cpl SMITH C.C.	
WAKUNAI RIVER		1600L	A patrol commanded by Capt BARLEE returned from ambushing on the IBU-ASIUEPAIA track. At 251025L a food-carrying party of 6 enemy was ambushed 655246 and 4 were killed. The patrol reported that the track was 10 - 12 feet wide with a footpad 3 feet wide and well worn.	
CENTRE HILL	27 Jun 45	0900L	Artillery harassed enemy positions throughout the night 26/27 Jun. Following an air strike by 12 Corsairs on CENTRE HILL, in which one bomb fell very close to our 3" mortar, 18 Pl moved forward and encountered heavy opposition from JUKI and LMGs. Casualties - enemy unknown. Own - 1 killed 3 wounded. Battle casualties - Killed in action - WX26519 Cpl NASH A. Died of wounds - VX63619 L/Cpl EVANS W.J. Wounded in action - VX88574 Pte MIDGLEY G.R. QX57097 Pte NEDEN G.A.	
ROAD HEAD		1600L	The patrol withdrew to allow artillery and mortars to engage the position. 7 Pl moving in from KEENANS RIDGE staged night 27/28 Jun at Roadhead.	
CHARLIE CREEK			PIB set ambush on Jap L of C during day and killed 1 enemy, obtaining water at 697190.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1000L 28 Jun 45 To 1000L 30 Jun 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CENTRE HILL	28 Jun 45	1000L	A PIB patrol moving out to relieve their patrol at firm base CHARLIE CREEK moved up the trail towards CENTRE HILL against Capt ROBERT's advice, but made a hurried retreat when fired on. 1 PIB boy receiving a bullet on the buckle of his equipment.	
		1600L	D Coy patrol spent the day reconnoitring both flanks of enemy position. Artillery and mortars harassed the position throughout the day.	
SMITHS HILL CENTRE HILL	29 Jun	1200L 1600L	7 Pl arrived from KEENANS RIDGE. D Coy patrols reconnoitred enemy positions throughout the day.	
WAKUNAI		1600L	A patrol commanded by Lt RUSH ambushed a food carrying party on the track NORTH of BURITSIOTORARA. 3 enemy were killed. The patrol, apparently hungry, ordered steaks for 14 to be prepared for their return to the Coy perimeter. Why they were hungry no one knows for the enemy were carrying pineapples cooked leaves, and coconuts.	Appx 21. Camp RO No 13 paras 96-99
CHARLIE CREEK	30 Jun 45	1230L	A PIB patrol operating from their firm base contacted an enemy party of 7, digging a new position at 697190. 3 enemy were killed.	
CENTRE HILL		1000L	Following an accurate air strike on CENTRE HILL by 12 CORSAIRS 16 Pl supported by artillery and mortars reconnoitred the enemy position. Enemy were driven from the forward slopes but later the patrol encountered heavy HMG and LMG fire from the main bunkered position. Enemy casualties ^{casualties} unknown. Own 1 killed 3 wounded. (including 2 slightly wounded). Battle casualties - Killed in action - VX89360 WO2 SCHIELE V.G. Wounded in action - VX118511 Pte BELLAR T.D NX71972 Pte GILL D R VX86124 Pte HARRISON G P	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1200L 30 Jun 45 To _____

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOKUA	30 Jun 45	1200L	8 Pl A Coy patrolled track to enemy position at TOKUA from their firm base 637164.	
WAKUNAI		1345L	A patrol from 10 Pl commanded by Sjt CLOHESY returned to the Coy base after an exciting 3 days. The object of the patrol which departed from the WAKUNAI base at 0900 27 Jun was to recce and ambush the track running down the NORTH EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE from 750319 to 762310. Previous reports indicated that the NUMA NUMA area was thick with Nips and that pro-Jap KANAKAS were assisting them. Sjt CLOHESY established his firm base on SADDLE MOUNT at 738294, 3000 yards from the coast, for the night 27/28 Jun. On the morning of the 28 Jun, Sjt CLOHESY and 9 others with one native scout left their base to set an ambush along the coastal track for the day. The remainder of the patrol numbering 5 including Sig WILSON, WALSH and stretcher bearer PTE BOB BYSOUTH with the wireless set and one native remained at the firm base. On the evening of 28 Jun, a message was received at Battalion from the firm base to the effect that the patrol to the coast had not returned and would probably spend the night in the bush. This was the last message received from the base and at 1800 hrs 29-June 2 men including Sig WILSON arrived in an exhausted condition at B Coy base at WAKUNAI. At 1000 hrs the same morning the patrol's firm base still only occupied by 5 men was surprised and attacked by 15 - 20 Nips armed with at least 3 automatics. The 5 men fought them at a range of 15 yards but were forced to withdraw. Enemy casualties during this action were 1 killed 5 or 6 wounded. The native with our patrol was killed. The 5 men had no time to gather up their equipment and the Nips were left with the 14 packs, a 208 wireless set and a Bren gun.	

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Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAKUNAI	30 Jun 45		<p>The two men reported that at 1200 hrs that day whilst finding their way back to B Coy, they heard heavy fire coming from the direction of their firm base.</p> <p>Sjt CLOHESY and patrol on returning to the base from the coast found 8 - 10 enemy in occupation. Our patrol attacked the enemy and drove them off. 1 enemy was killed, 2 probably killed and 2 wounded. All our equipment was re-captured intact, and the patrol then returned to B Coy's perimeter. Total casualties for the action -</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Enemy - 2 killed 3 probably killed 7 wounded. Own - 1 native scout killed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOTAL CASUALTIES to 30 Jun 45 - Enemy - 64 killed 5 probably killed 10 wounded. Own - 15 killed 29 wounded.</p> <p>During the month, much work was going on behind the front line. The jeep road from BARGES HILL to BERRYS HILL required much maintenance and improvement due to heavy rain. The road was continued on from the foot of BERRYS HILL to the top of the feature. This entailed a tremendous amount of shovel work by Sjt HUDSON and his gang. It is considered that the hill should be re-named JONES HILL. The track down BERRYS HILL to TIERNANS SPUR was greatly improved. The climb up BERRYS HILL is 900 feet and on this track alone HQ Coy boys put in 1000 steps.</p> <p>A funicular railway up BARGES HILL is in the course of construction. Supplies during the month have been excellent. Native scouts and guides have given wonderful assistance in all patrol work, and the scouts have become very popular with the boys. The work of SUPILI, KEOPILI, ALUMWHEELER WILLISILLI, ATULA and AVARAU will long be remembered.</p>	

7 AUST INF BN (AIF)CONFIDENTIALPATROL INSTRUCTION NO 1Copy No Four(4)Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000
IBU

3 Jun 45

To : Lt M ELLIOTT C COY1. INFORMATION :

ENEMY : At TOKOPERAPAIA a large Jap Camp is reported, strength unknown. WEARNE'S HILL occupied by 40 - 50 Japs. Enemy use NUMA NUMA TRAIL between these points as L of C.

PIB ambushed 25 enemy at 749168 on 27 May 45.

OWN : Posns as already known by you. NO other patrol will be operating in your area.

NATIVES : In Mapia area are friendly.

2. ROLE : You will :

(a) Relieve PIB patrol at firm base 738158.

(b) Set ambushes on NUMA NUMA TRAIL in direction of WEARNE'S HILL.

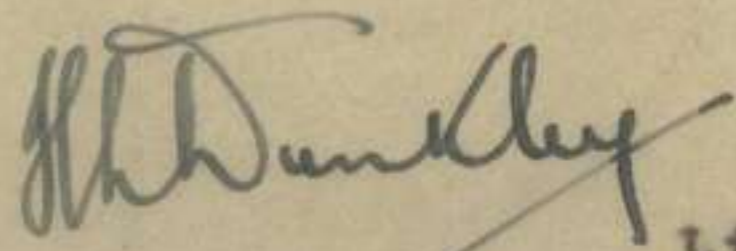
3. STRENGTH : Yourself and 15 Pl.4. DURATION : 7 to 8 days.

5. ROUTE OUT : 27 Bn will arrange native guides / From 684117-ROBERTSON'S HILL along native track to MAPIA.

6. ROUTE IN : Reverse route out.7. START TIME : 030745L from ARTY RIDGE.

8. ADM : Arms, dress, amn and rations at your own discretion. Rations will be forwarded on 7 Jun 45.

9. INTERCOMN : PIB W/T.


Lt-Col
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION :

O.C. Patrol	1.
File	2-3.
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23 Bde	5.

7 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF) OP INSTR NO 3

6 Jun 45.

Copy No 4

1. To Capt R ROBERTS comd ROBFORCE .

Infm

2. Enemy : As per Int Summaries. Further infm from Lt SANDFORD on arrival destination.

3. Own Tps (ROBFORCE):

(a) Land : D Coy 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) with under comd :

One Sec No 2 Pl.

Two deta No 3 Pl.

One Pl P I B

One Sec 101 Hy Mortar Coy

Det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec

One Engr

One AIB operator

Med Team 17 Aust Fd Amb

Lt SANDFORD's (AIB) force of approx 100 KANAKAS on junction of forces.

A Coy, 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) to be prepared to reinforce ROBFORCE by moving from present area by boat if required.

(b) Sea :

Corvette 'KIAMA' is available to move tps (capacity 200 pers). No mov before recce report from Lt SANDFORD. One whaler and one launch sufficient to move 40 personnel each wave. One F B E.

(c) Air : If necessary preliminary bombardment of proposed beach by CORSAIRS. Air cover will be given during the actual landing. Tac/R planes available as required.

Catalina on call at 12 hours notice for evac of cas.

ROLE

4. You will carry out a four phase op involving :

(a) Move by sea to eastern coast.

(b) Unopposed landing vicinity ASITAVI PT.

(c) Establishing of a def posn.

(d) Aggressive patrolling NORTH and SOUTH of base.

You will embark your tps on the Corvette 'KIAMA' on Jun 45, and proceed to the eastern coast to vicinity ASITAVI PT.

Tps will land in waves of 40 by small ldg craft provided by CORVETTE at a point to be selected and indicated by Lt SANDFORD (AIB).

Upon landing you will assume comd of the area of ops and will be responsible for :

(a) Security of beach head until unloading is complete.

(b) Ensuring maximum co-op with naval personnel in unloading of stores.

You will then recce and occupy a def posn from which enemy mov NORTH and SOUTH along the coast will be denied. A dropping ground will then be constr either within perimeter or in near vicinity, after which you will commence a programme of aggressive patrolling to :

(a) Locate enemy posns.

(b) Report on enemy mov.

(c) Inflict man casualties.

5. Adm) as per 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Adm Instr No ¹⁰ 4.
Intercomn)

6. ACK.

James May
Lt-Col
Comd 7 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF)

Signed at : 061100L

Issued by : Safe hand -

Distribution : Capt ROBERTS (1) File (2)
War Diary (3 & 4).

7 AUST INF BN (AIF) ADM ORDER NO 10
 (To be read in conjunction with 7 Aust Inf Bn)
 (AIF) Op Instr No 3 dated 6 Jun 45.)

1. MEDICAL : Med Team from 17 Aust Fd Amb (AIF) will est RAP with Coy Gp (1 offr and 4 ORs).
 Casualties evac per CATALINA.
 Strict malarial precautions will be observed.
 1 Bottle Repellent lotion per man.
 Mite repellent to be applied to clothing prior to embarkation.
 All cas to be evac with water bottles filled plus unexpired portion of days rations.
 Cas in ldg craft to be brought ashore and left adjacent to beach.
 Med Offr will arrange collection and treatment on arrival med team.
 24 atabrin per man.
 First Aid outfit per man.
2. WATER : Water bottles carried filled.
 12 two gal cans filled.
 Herrocks Test Box : all water must be chlorinated. Tps will NOT drink from streams.
3. SUPS : Two meals provided on boat. Two days fd op on the man.
 Res: 10 days SWPA. By air when dropping ground completed.
 All stores to be packed in one man loads.
4. AMN : SAA -50 rds per man. LMG - 8 mags filled per gun.
 OSMG - 184 rds per gun. 3" Mor - 200 rds HE 40 rds Smk per det
 MMG : 1000 RPG. 4.2" Mor - 100 rds per gun.
 Gren : 3 per man. Res - 10 days contact rate.
5. ENGR STORES : $\frac{1}{2}$ Ton ^{BARBED} chain wire. Sufficient axes, shovels and explosives for const of dropping ground.
6. POSTAL : Will be dropped when dropping ground completed.
7. CANTEEN : As for postal.
8. CLOTHING ETC : As per Q Instr No 15 plus 4% res mosquito nets.
 Life Jackets available on ship.
9. INTERCOMM : One No 11 Set working back to HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn with a listening out set at HQ 23 Aust Inf Bde. AIB Operator and WS ATR 4A will est comms from ship to shore prior to disembarkation of tps.
 Two 208 sets : Coy to Bn.
 Ground to air comms with Tac/R using CC PB 8.
 Frequency for air sp: 4475 kiles
 Frequency " Tac/R sp :4885 "
 4 Phones. 2 miles Assault Cable.
 10 dropping ground indicators.
10. LANDING OF CATALINA : Three fires 100 yds apart to be made on beach on approach of A/C. White 'T' panel to be displayed indicating wind direction; also gives 'OK FOR LANDING' to pilot.
 F B E to be employed in clearing debris for ldg area and evac of cas from shore to plane.

11. ACK.

James Way
 Lt-Col
 Comd 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Signed at : 061100

Issued by : SAFE HAND.

Distribution : Capt ROBERTS (1)
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Craft available: 1 Whaler - 27 personnel
1 Launch - 13 personnel.

Estimated Turn Around Time : Personnel = 60 mins
Stores = 60

Serial No. (a)	Ldg Craft (b)	Sub Unit (c)	Personnel (d)	Stores & Eqpt (e)	MANNING (f)	TIME (g)	Time of ldg (h)	Remarks (i)
1.	Whaler	16 #1 HQ No 2 Sec No 3 Sec AUGU	1 - 4 - 10 - 11 1	Personal arms Total: 2 - 25	BS 1	H-30	H hr	x x5
2.	Launch	One sec 16 #1 Cox H: O.O. 1 man Orderly	10 1 - 2 1	Personal arms	BS 2	H -30	H hr	1 18
3.	Whaler	17 #1	1 - 26 1 - 26	Personal arms	BS 1	H 20	H = 40	1 26
4.	Launch	Bde Sig Sec Bn Sigs Remainder 17 #1	2 4 2 8	2 victor booklets (no 11 set) 2/108 sets	BS 2	H 10	H 40	8
5.	Whaler	7, 8, 9 Secs 18 #1	1 - 26	Personal arms	BS 1	H 50	H 80	1 26
6.	Launch	#1 10 #1 Cox H: GEN 3 #1/BS Cox H: BOOKS (2) Batman	3 10 13					1 3
7.	Whaler	FIB Det 3" Mor	1 - 17 6	Personal arms 3" mor. 20 bombs	BS 1	H 90	H 120	1 23
8.	Launch	Sub sec HQ Coy 2 1/2 #1/Batman Med Team	6 1 - 1 1 - 3 2 - 10	HQ 2 belts Person 1 #1/BS H-verbaats 3	BS 1	H 90	H 120	2 10

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
9	Whaler	PIB Sub Sec HMG	21 5 <hr/> 26	Personal arms	BS 1	H - 150	H - 160	26
10	Launch	CO 4.2" Mop Sec & orderly Det 3" Mop & 20 bombs Hys p personnel	1 - 1 <hr/> 1 - 10	Personal arms 6 3" mortar plus 3 Personal arms	BS 2	H - 150	H - 160	1 10
11	Whaler	Det 4.2" Mortar A O M 418	12 10 <hr/> 2/3	Personal arms 4.2 MOP BOMBS Personal arms	BS 1	H - 170	H - 200	1 22
12	Launch	Det .2 Mop	8	Personal arms 4.2 MOP 20 Bombs	BS 2	H - 210	H - 230	8 4 <hr/> 10 - 213

PRIORITY OF UNLOADING STORES

1. F B S
2. Amn
3. Saps
4. Med
5. HMG Mop and Sig Stores
6. Coy Stores.

The following will remain on board until stores unloaded:

- gunner
- stow man
- Med orderly
- Boat repairer.

LOADING LIST - D COY 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

<u>Description of stores</u>				<u>Total in lbs</u>
<u>AMMUNITION</u>				
303 bdr	13 boxes	76 lbs		988
303 ctu	8 "	82 "		650
9 mm	5 "	104 "		520
3 Mort H E	67 "	93 "		6231
3 " Smk	10 "	85 "		930
2 " HE	3 "	69 "		207
2 " Smk	1 "	62 "		62
4 sec ^{GREEN} gun	49 "	28 "		1372
7 " "	9 "	28 "		252
303 Strip Belt	32 "	44 "		1408
77 Grenades	2 "	54 "		108
4 Mortar	100 "	52 "		5200
<u>Wire</u>				
20 coils	2000 yds			560
<u>Folding Boat Equip</u>				
Complete				800
<u>Medical Stores</u>				
1 Bundle Tent Flys				40
1 Bundle Salscraft				80
9 " Stretchers				540
6 Cases Med Stores				360
3 bundles Blankets				150
1 " Stokes Litters				40
1 Case Ord Stores				60
<u>MMG Stores</u>				
2 Bundles Tripods				76
2 " Cross Leads				50
2 " Guns and sundries				80
2 Boxes Spare Parts etc				50
2 " Spare barrels etc				16
<u>3" MORTAR STORES</u>				
2 Bundles Mortar Barrels etc				120
2 " Base Plate etc				104
2 " Bipod and sundries				110
2 Boxes Phones sights dines etc				70
2 Bundles Tools				60
2 Reels cables				40
<u>SIG STORES</u>				
4 Drums Assault cables				44
2 Radio sets 208 complete				50
2 boxes batteries				70
<u>4" MORTAR STORES</u>				
2 Bundles Base Plates				234
2 " Barrels				196
2 " Bipod				124
1 Box Spare Parts				23
1 Box Tools				120
1 " Sig Gear				200
1 " Survey Equip				30
1 " Sundry				10

D COY STORES

1 box	Coy Records	30
1 "	Coy Med Stores	30
1 "	Coy Int Stores	20
1 "	Telephones	40
1 "	Cans billy	30
1 "	Lanterns	20
3 Bundles	Water Can	42
2 "	Axes	64
2 "	Shovels	90
1 Bag	Sig Strips	30
1 Roll	Sisalcraft	80
1 Drum	Kerosene	40
1 "	Rifle Oil	28
1 Bundle	Clothing	50
1 Drum	Mite Fluid	40
3 boxes	Explosives	120
9 "	Loaded Mags Bren	250
1 Box	Q Stores	30

NATIVE RATION

4 Tins	Service Biscuits	160
6 Drums	Wheatmeal	216
1 "	Salt	60
2 Cases	Ed Animal Fat	62
6 "	Meat Preserved	252
2 Drums	Sugar	92
2 Cases	Tomato Juice	90
1 Case	Expense Stores	24
9 Drums	Rice	504

SWPA RATION EUROPEAN

1 Drum	Coffee	28
4 "	Tea	72
22 Tins	Service Biscuits	830
6 Drums	Flour	240
5 "	Wheatmeal	180
1 "	Salt	60
4 cases	butter	224
1 "	Dripping	56
3 Drums	Dried Fruit	117
7 Cases	Fruit Preserved	354
3 Cases	Bacon Tinned	168
1 "	Cheese	62
15 "	Meat Preserved	630
4 "	Fish Tinned	224
17 "	M & V Rations	918
12 "	Milk	510
4 Cases	Jam	248
10 Drums	sugar	460
16 tins	Veg Dried	224
3 Cases	Beans Baked	132
7 Cases	Veg Tinned	354
20 Tins	Potatoes Dehyd	280
7 Cases	Tomato Juice	350
1 Drum	M & V Ration	28
1 Case	Tomato Sauce	56
2 cases	Sundry	41
22 Cases	Canned Meat	2496
		1496
4 cases	soap common	220
2 cases	Tobacco	48

Total Dead Weight

33,579 lbs15 Tons less 21 lbs.

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LT. H.R. BONDE B COY1. INFORMATIONEnemy

An enemy force estimated strength 15 - 20 occupies position at 686157. BERRY'S HILL and BASE POINT 3 are occupied by approx 40 and 20 enemy, respectively. BURITSICTORARA 871245 is occupied by 40 - 50 enemy armed with rifles and LMGs. A Native Scout reported a Jap H.Q. at RESIOMIA approx 767293, and that the area between the WAKUNAI River, and a line from BURITSICTORARA area to mouth of TIKONA River 756320 is clear of enemy.

Own

27 Bn positions as already known by you together with Patrol Bases at 691155 and 683159. You will enquire from 27 Bn on 3 JUN 45, whether any patrols will be operating in the area which concerns you.

Natives

30 - 35 Pro Allied Natives are operating in the BURITSICTORARA area and if contacted will be invaluable for topographical information. PRO - JAP Natives are reported along coastal areas NUMA NUMA - ASITAVI Point.

2. ROLE

You will -

- (a) Recce the area vicinity WAKUNAI River from 720263 to approx 742260, and locate a position suitable for a Company base free from enemy observation.
- (b) Locate a suitable dropping ground in close proximity to selected base.
- (c) Report on possibility of continuing the Jeep track forward of BERRY'S HILL, via route out, and if unsuitable, via a route in to be selected by yourself.

3. STRENGTH Yourself and 10 O.N.s.4. DURATION 6 - 7 days.5. ROUTE OUT If possible 27 Bn will arrange Native guides. Follow stream running NW from BERRY'S HILL to WAKUNAI River then along WAKUNAI River to approx 742260.6. ROUTE IN If route out suitable for Jeep track suggest reverse of route out. Otherwise you may select your own route in, in general area of route out.7. START TIME Approx 0745 4 JUN 45 from BERRY'S HILL.8. ARM Arms, dress, ammunition, as laid down by yourself.
Rations 7 days.9. INTERCOMM If possible 27 Bn will supply 300 WT.DISTRIBUTION O.C. Patrol COPY 1
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Lt. Col.
Comd. 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

APPX 4

SUMMARY OF CONFERENCE HELD AT HQ 2 AUST CORPS 3 JUN 45
PRESIDED OVER BY BGS 2 AUST CORPS

Officers attending : Senior Staff Offrs 2 Aust Corps
G11, Air, AIB Rep, Bde Comd, BM,
SC, CO 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

OUTLINE PLAN:

BGS outlined a plan for mov of a coy group 7 Bn plus a pl PIB through to the EAST Coast in the vicinity of ASATAVI PT. Lt SANDFORD with approx two coys of Kanakas operating in the area is to recce a suitable beach head for an unopposed ldg. Details of the ldg area to be advised to 2 Corps by Monday 4 Jun.

COMPOSITION OF FORCE :

Suggested composition by BGS was :

One Coy Inf	Det Sigs
Pl PIB	Two Dets Mort
Sec MMG	Sec 101 Hy Mor
ANGAU Reps	
One Engr for FBE AIB operator with one WS ATR 4A.	
Det 17 Aust Fd Amb.	

Lt SANDFORD's force to come under Comd Coy 7 Bn on junction of forces. 7 Bn to be prepared to reinforce with an additional Coy moving by boat if required.

ROLE: It is intended the coy will establish a firm beach head, developed to a defensive area with use of wire, then operate NORTH and SOUTH with strong patrols.

SUPPORT : If necessary preliminary bombardment of proposed beach by Corsairs. Air cover will be given during the actual ldg, requests for sp direct from ground to air. Tac/R planes available as required.

SIGS : It was proposed B Corps Sigs provide one W/S 112 plus det of Corps sigs to operate same. In view of the additional weight of set, proposal NOT adopted - 23 Bde Sig Sec to provide one W/S 11 plus two operators working back to 7 Bn HQ with a listening out set at HQ 23 Bde. AIB operator and WS ATR 4A will establish comms from ship to shore prior to disembarkation of tps. Alternative comms will be 208 from coy to bn, ground to air comms with Tac/R using CC BP 8.

Frequency for air sp - 4475 kilos
" " Tac/R only @ 4885 kilos.

MOV : Corvette KIAMA will move troops - capacity 200 pers 10 days sups - no mov before recce report by SANDFORD. Ldg craft available will lift 40 tps each wave. Q Branch to ensure sufficient life jackets - one per person - to be available on ship.

SUPS : 10 days rations on board plus two on the man. Re supply by air dropping - dropping ground to be prepared and to be in defended locality.

AMN - First line plus 10 days contact rate. 200 rds 4 2 Mortar.

NATIVE LABOUR - Requested by Bde Comd 100 carriers be made available by Lt SANDFORD for portage and unloading of coy stores. Agreed with by 2 Corps, Lt SANDFORD being advised. All stores to be packed in one man loads as far as practicable.

MED : Catalina to call at 12 hrs notice to evacuate cas. One mile each side of landing point to be clear of enemy. Three fires 100 yds apart to be made on beach on approach of aircraft. White 'T' panel to be displayed indicating wind direction, also gives "'OK' for Landing" to pilot.

One F B E to be taken, to be employed in clearing debris for land-in ing area, and evac of cas from shore to plane.

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Patrol Comd : Lt DONALD L.

Patrol By : 7 Pl "A" Coy.

Patrol Strength : 1 Offr 9 ORs.

Route Out : Camp area (KEENAN'S) via river crossing 613154 to OP 5 614161.

Route In : Reverse of route out.

Time Out : 060800L Time In : 061530L.

Object Patrol : Recce approaches to enemy posn through OP 5.

Casualties : Enemy : 1 Killed.
Own : Nil.

Equipment and Documents captured : Nil.

PART I

Approach through OP 5 good and covered from fire. For last 100 yds troops would have to crouch and, at times, crawl. Track along razorback varying in width from 5 yds to 30 yds. Track has sharp down grade for last 100 yds rising steeply 25 ft to bunker posn commanding track and gully to either side of razorback. Number large trunked trees afford good cover in down grade before bunker. For last 100 yds troops could move in single file only.

Deductions: Believed enemy deliberately holding fire as they failed to reply to LMG, rifle fire 100 yds from perimeter, due to tactical siting of bunker believed to be MMG posn. This belief strengthened by fact that 4 enemy were sitting in perimeter when patrol opened fire.

PART II

1. Topographical :

(a) Tracks : Tracks very well defined and easy to follow throughout. Down grade to river crossing at 613154 then steep climb for 10 minutes to top of ridge. Track then follows crest of ridge through OLD SISIVIE village. Easy level going. Track then drops down ridge for 300 yds to track junc, one of which leads to Jap perimeter and other left to IBU track.

(b) Creeks and Rivers : Small creek crossed 40 mins from SP at 613152. WAKUNIA RIVER crossed at 613154, 10 yds wide - 1 ft deep, fast flowing. All good WPs.

(c) Vegetations : Med. jungle throughout except for clearing at OLD SISIVIE 613161.

(d) Suitable ambush posns: Excellent ambush posn at river crossing 613154 and clearing at OLD SISIVIE, several other possible posns along track.

(e) OPs: Good OP at 614161 (referred to as No 5 OP).

(f) Suitable dropping grounds: OLD SISIVIE 150 yds by 50 yds could be made suitable with very little clearing.

(g) Villages, Huts, Gardens, etc.: Nil.

(h) Natives: Not seen by patrol.

(i) Bivouac Areas: Along ridge from river crossing to OLD SISIVIE suitable bivouac area for whole length.

(j) Reliability of Map: Map reasonably accurate but does not show minor features.

2. ACTION: (OWN) 4 enemy seen near bunker (approx posn 120 yds forward along track from OP 5) fired on by Pl Comd who recced fwd to within 60 yds of bunker. 1 enemy screamed for some time

after being hit in the chest and fell behind tree near bunker. 3 remaining enemy jumped into bunker. Pl sniper later fired on enemy through weapon slit at 100 yds range. Result unknown. LMG fired on bunker from OP 5 in attempt to draw enemy fire. Attempt unsuccessful.

3. REMARKS (ENEMY) Total enemy seen numbered six. Four seen near bunker (see above) and two near kitchen about 150 yds left of bunker. No enemy weapons seen by patrol. Physical condition of four enemy observed near bunker poor. All four enemy unclothed and appeared to be sunbaking with no weapons in evidence. Two enemy seen near kitchen also unarmed. Bunker dug in with native type roof. Centre ridge pole appeared to be covered with brown material, possibly blanket. Kitchen in fair condition with fire going continuously. Door was lifted at intervals, after being fired upon, to allow smoke to emerge. Two tins thrown over cliff between kitchen and bunker at 1220 hrs thought to be ration tins. Hut in good condition, apparently new, seen approx 100 yds back from cliff edge between bunker and kitchen. Two other shelters seen (see attached sketch).

4. TIMINGS: Time taken from KEENAN'S to OP 5 approx 2½ hrs.

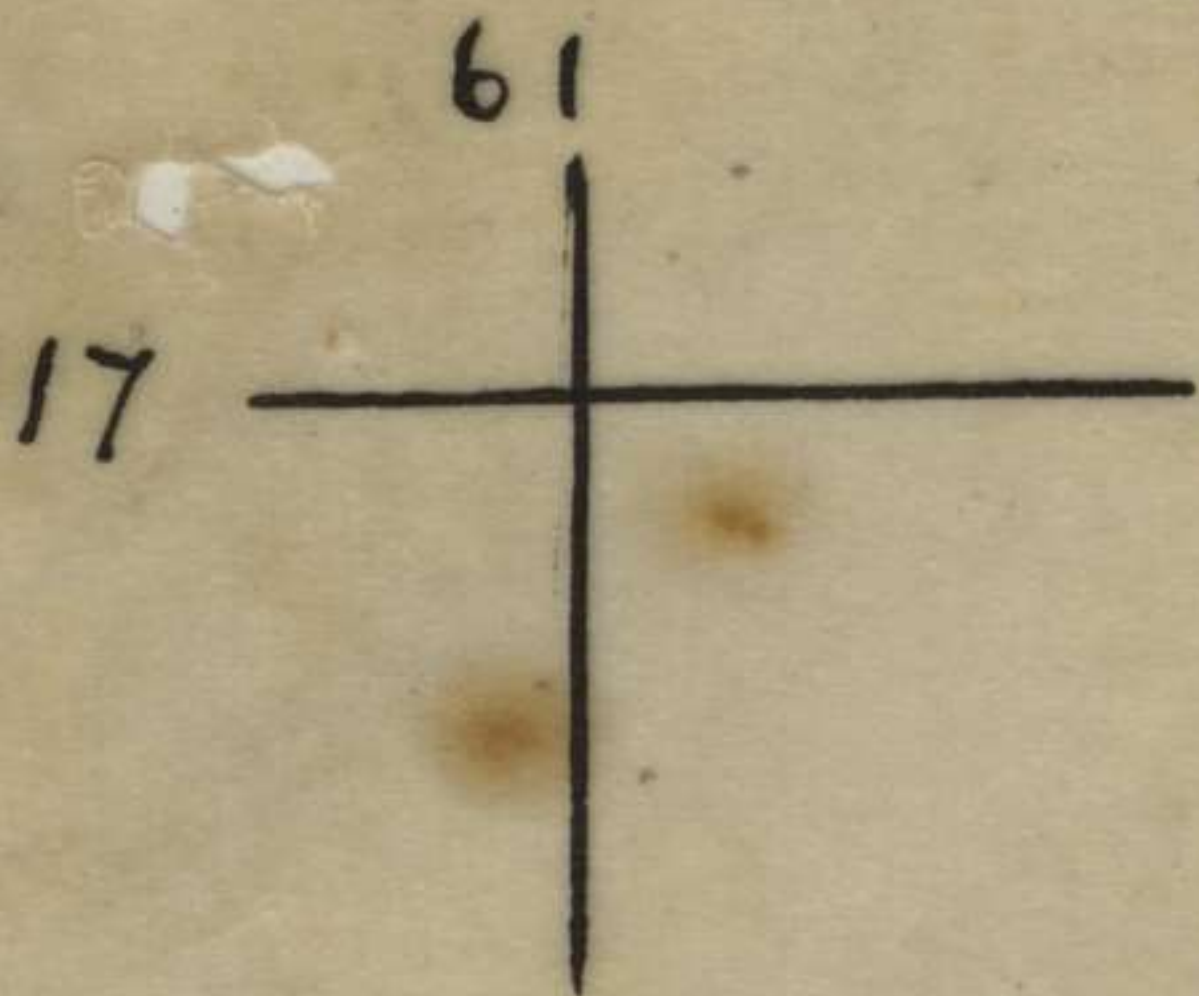
5. GENERAL REMARKS: Arty fire had considerably cleared ridge either side of and including Jap posns. Hammering and chopping heard for considerable period before patrol reached OP 5. Results of strikes of several grenades fired by 9 Pl patrol observed. All grenades appeared to land between bunker and lean-to. Large quantities dirt and sticks thrown into air. All observation made through binoculars.

6. APPX "A": Overlay Route taken (KOWARO: 1:25000 sheet).
"B": Sketch of enemy posns seen and rough form lines.

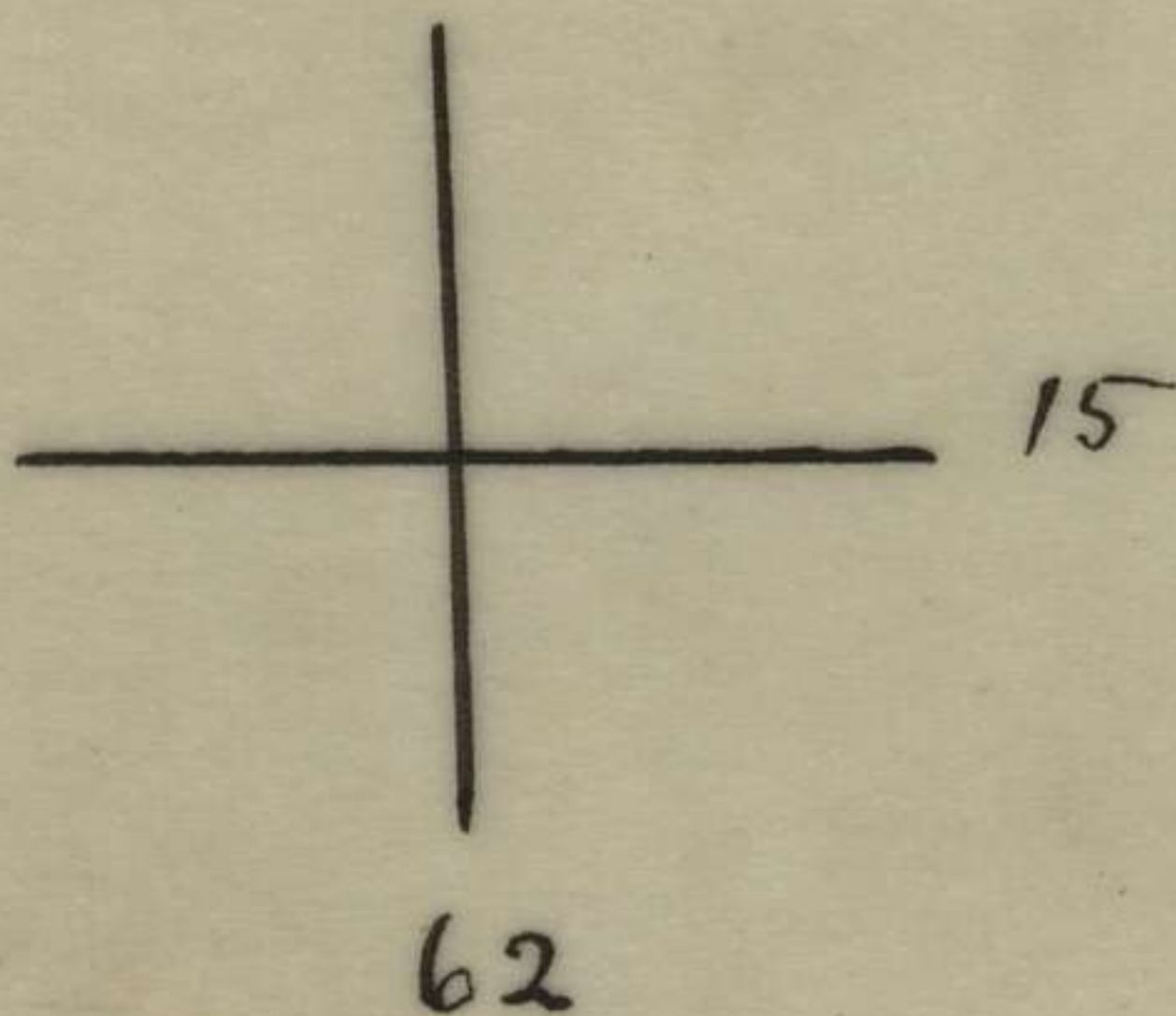
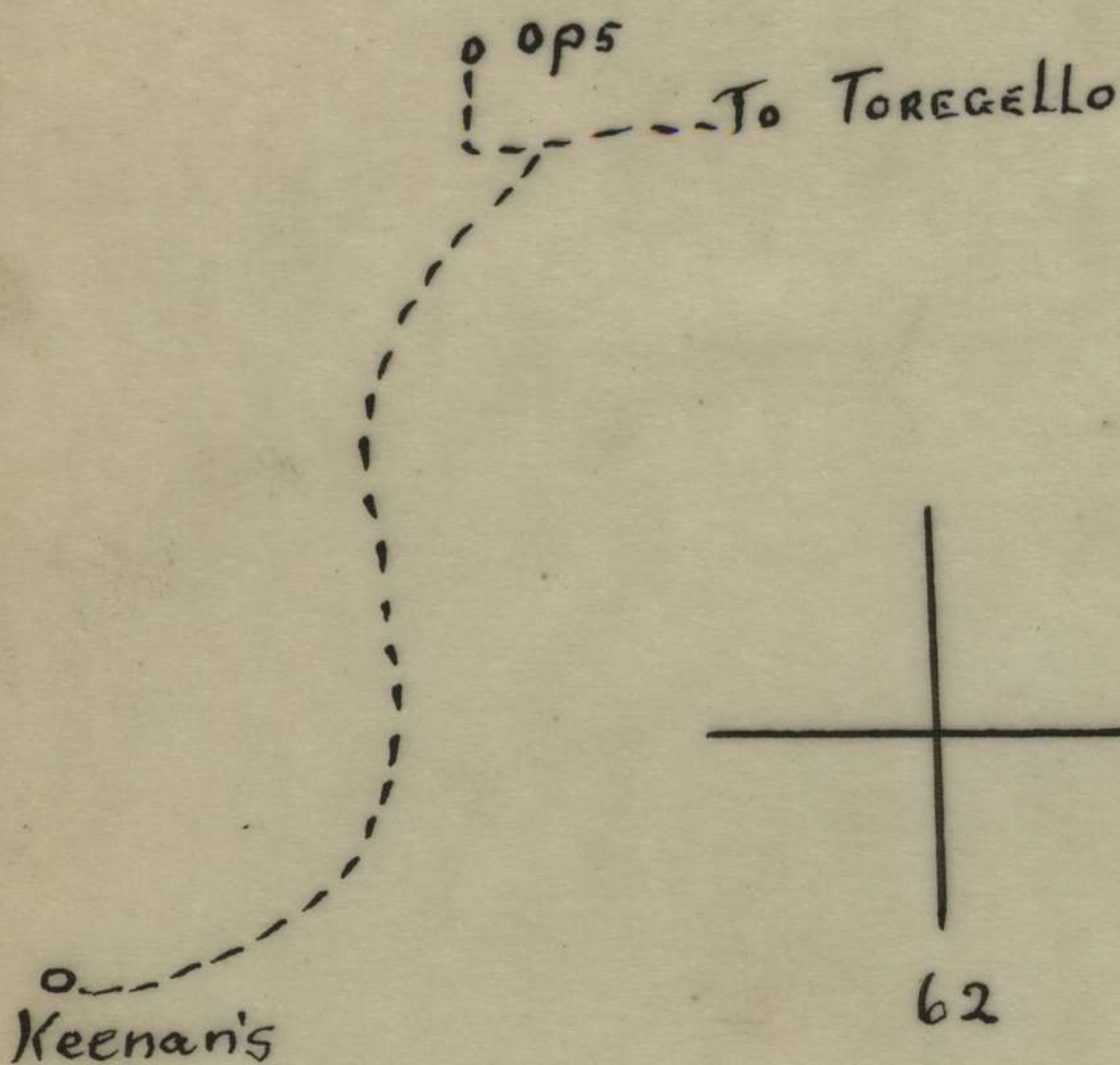
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Overlay Showing
Route Taken By
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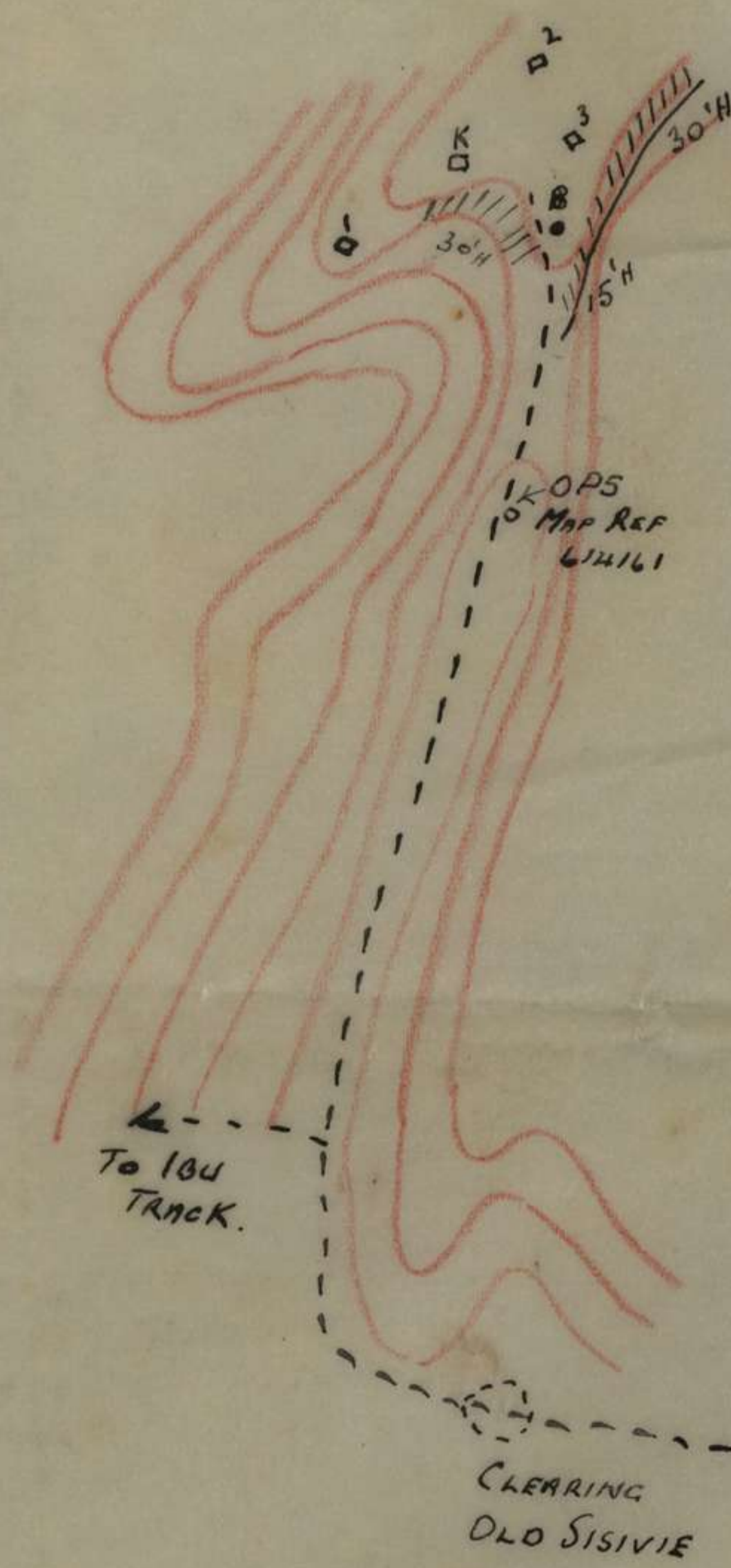


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FIELD SKETCH SHOWING APPROACH TO
+ JAP POSN. 614162

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- LEGEND -

●	BUNKER
K	KITCHEN
1	OLD NATIVE TYPE HUT.
2	NEW " " "
3	OLD LEAN TO SHELTER.
	CLIFFS.
~~~~~	FORM LINES.

SCALE 1 IN. TO 100 YDS.

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SISIVIE AREA

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PATROL REPORT NO 2

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6 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

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Patrol Comd : L/Sjt SUTHERLAND J.

Patrol By : 7 Pl "A" Coy.

Patrol Strength : 1 Sjt 7 ORs.

Route Out : Camp Area (KEENAN'S) via river crossing 613154 to  
OP 3 614164.

Route In : Reverse of route out

Time Out : 060800L                      Time In : 061515L.

Object patrol : Recce approaches to enemy posn through OP 3.

Casualties : Enemy - Nil  
Own - Nil.

Equipment and Documents captured : Nil

PART I

Approach through OP 3 to 150 yds from enemy posn covered from view only. Steep down grade to gully and then rises very steeply to enemy posn. Fairly open as scrub and trees have been blasted by arty. Troops could move in single file only.

Deductions : Believe enemy have posn well under view as two rifle shots were fired by enemy at three observers after fire had been opened by patrol at OP 5. Shots fired over pit recently used by arty officer for observing shoot. Also OP 1 as four rifle shots were fired by enemy 5 minutes after patrol passed OP 1 and were resting 200 yds past and out of view of OP 1. These were fired some two or three minutes after grenades were fired from OP 2. On neither occasion was patrol believed to be seen.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL : (a) Tracks : Tracks were well defined and easy to follow throughout. Down grade to river crossing at 613154 then steep climb for 10 mins to top of ridge. Track follows crest of ridge to OP 1 617159. Easy level going. Track then goes down steep descent to track - creek junction at 617162. Then steep climb to top of ridge. From top of ridge to OP 3 614164 rises gradually - fairly rough going.

(b) Creeks and Rivers : Small ck crossed 40 mins from SP at 613152. WAKUNIA RIVER crossed at 613154 10 yds wide and 1 ft deep - fast flowing. 45 yds from SP. Small ck at 617162 70 mins from SP; slow trickle. All good WPs.

(c) Vegetation : Med jungle throughout except for small clearing 200 yds from OP 3.

(d) Suitable ambush posns : Excellent at river crossing 613154. Good posns practically throughout entire route.

- (e) OPS : Good OPS at 617159 (OP 1), 614164 (OP 3) and several points along track from OP1 to ek junc.
- (f) Suitable dropping grounds : Nil.
- (g) Villages, huts, gardens, etc. : Nil.
- (h) Natives : None seen by patrol.
- (i) Bivouac Areas : Along ridge from river crossing to OP 1 suitable for entire length. At OP 3 for small party on account of water difficulty.
- (j) Reliability of Map : Map reasonably accurate.

2. ACTION - OWN : Nil.

3. ENEMY : Two shots fired at patrol whilst observing at OP 3. Four rifle shots 5 mins after patrol had passed OP 1 on route back. Shots NOT believed to be fired at patrol but with intention of hitting anyone at these OPS. One fairly new erected lean to - kitchen in fairly good condition and one other lean-to seen. No enemy activity seen.

4. TIMINGS : From KEENAN'S to river junc 613154 approx 45 mins. From river junc 613154 to OP 1 617159 approx 45 mins. From OP 1 617159 to track-creek junc 617162 25 mins. From track-ck junc 617162 to top of ridge approx 15 mins. From top of ridge to OP 3 614164 approx 25 mins. Entire journey approx 2 hrs 35 mins.

5. GENERAL REMARKS : Arty fire has cleared OP 3 considerably and also Jap posns. Hammering - chipping and sawing was heard at intervals, and logs laying around lean-to's. All observation made by eye.

6. APPX "A" : Overlay route taken (KOWARO 1:25000).  
 APPX "B" : Sketch of enemy posn as seen from OPS.

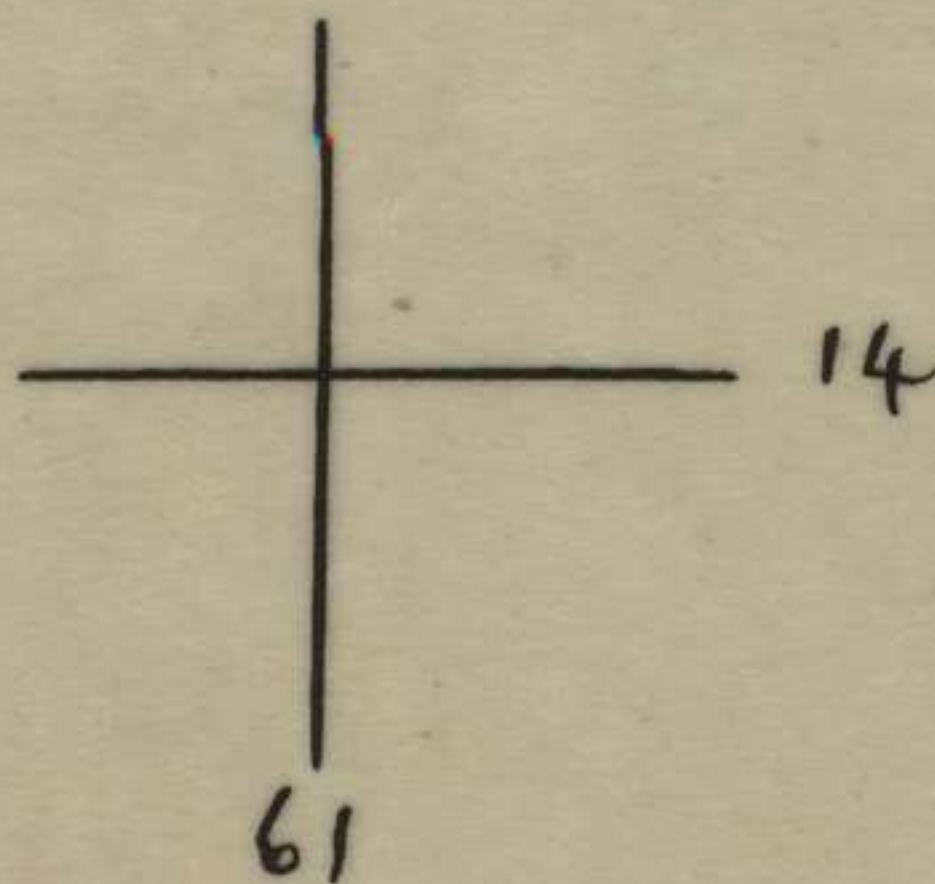
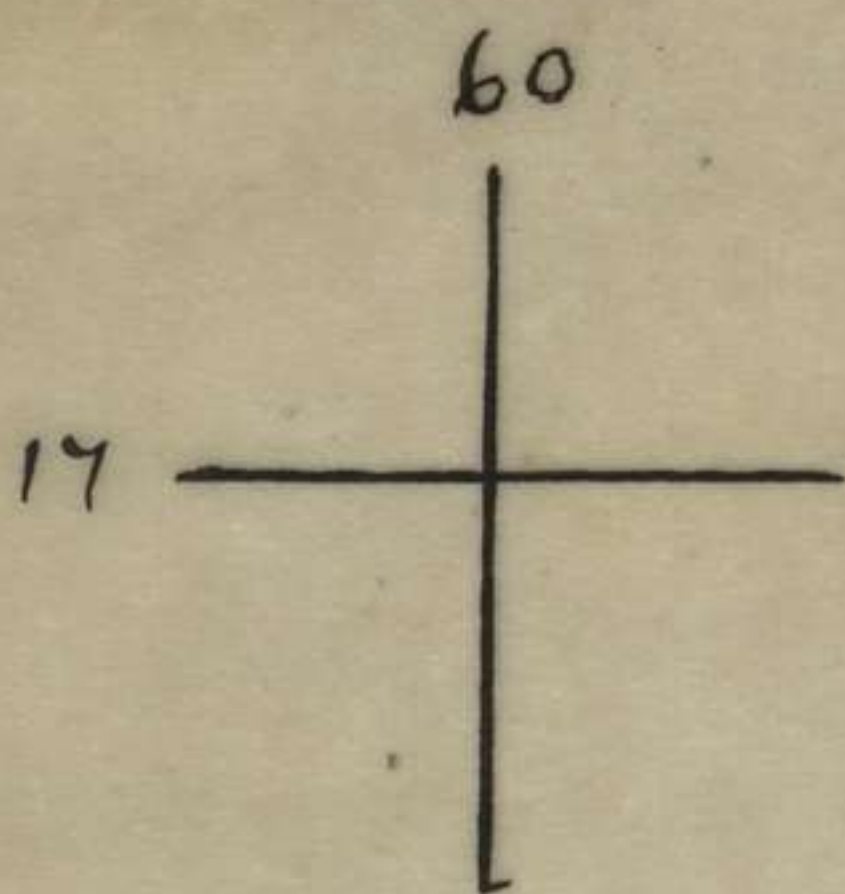
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Overlay Showing  
Route Taken By 2 Patrol.

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FIELD SKETCH SHOWING  
APPROACH TO JAP POSN.  
FROM OP3.

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MAP REF  
OP3/61416H

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CLEARING → TO TORUA

JAP POSNS.

CK. JUNC.  
617162

LEGEND.

- |   |                                                  |
|---|--------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | OLD LEAN TO.                                     |
| 2 | FAIRLY NEW LEAN TO<br>POSSIBLY KITCHEN<br>CREEK. |
| → | FORM LINES.                                      |

SCALE 1 IN. TO 100 YDS.

V.I. 25'

TO OP5

TK JUNC 614159

TO KEENAN'S

OP1 617159

TO FOREGELL O

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PATROL INSTRUCTION NO 3

Ref Maps : KOWARO 1:25000

To : Lt G RUSH B Coy

1. INFORMATION :ENEMY :

An enemy force estimated strength 15 occupies a position at 687157.

A recon patrol contacted enemy -estimated strength 10 on 5 Jun, killing 2 and capturing an LMG. -687161

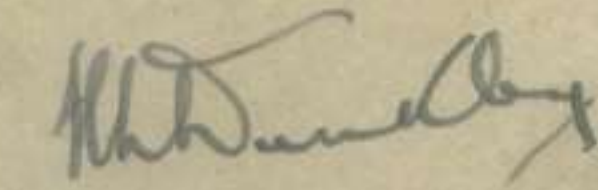
It is thought that 25-30 enemy occupy a position approx 687164, and an unknown number of enemy occupy features from 694161 to WEAVER'S HILL.

Own :

18 Pl, 27 Bn - and our 14 Pl occupy a position at 693159. We have a standing patrol of 1000 and 13 OR at 683159. Lt BASKERVILLE is taking a patrol of 10 ORs down creek from 689157. They have been warned of your patrol; you may see him on your right flank.

2. ROLE : You will

Recon for a suitable approach for a pl attack on enemy position 687157.

3. STRENGTH : Yourself, 5 ORs and native guide.4. DURATION : 1 day.5. ROUTE OUT : Via Jap track to spur at 689156, then by guide.6. ROUTE IN : Suggest reverse of Route Out.7. START TIME : 0845 HRS 7 Jun 45 .


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PATROL REPORT NO 3

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Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

7 Jun 45

Patrol Comd : Lt G RUSH

Patrol By : 12 Pl B Coy.

Patrol Strength: 1 Offr 5 ORs, Native Guide and Scout.

Route Out : From 684150 E to ck junc 689151, thence N up creek  
bed to 690153 (approx) NW to E 91 687157.

Route In : From 687157 to 682162 (OLD VIVIE), then S to ck jum  
at 682156 to 684150 (BERRY'S HILL).

Time Out : 070845L.

Time In : 071530L.

Object of Patrol : Recce for a suitable approach for a pl attack  
on enemy posn reported at 687157.

Briefed by : I.O.

Casualties : Enemy : NIL.  
Own : NIL.

Equipment and Documents Captured :

6 rifles and bayonets.  
Belts, pouches, amn, helmets.  
2 Shovels.  
Tomahawk.  
4 enemy and 4 Aust hand grenades.  
(Aust 36 M).  
Aust Beret  
Chopsticks.  
Paper money.  
1st Lieut's badge of rank.  
Seal.  
Documents.  
Binoculars.

#### PART II

Topographical: Track is well defined along whole of route. Is  
steep and difficult going, with exception track  
along feature 689150 to 685158.

Creeks and WP's: Ck at junc 689151 is 3' W 6" D, fast flowing  
over rocky bottom. Ck at junc 682156 is 15' W  
6" D. Creeks contain good water. NO other water  
points crossed.

Vegetation : Thin rain forest, with fairly dense growth of  
ferns and bamboo along whole of route.

Ambush Posns: Almost any part of the track could be ambushed,  
but best posns are along creeks. There are few



posns for large ambush except in creeks, as ridges are narrow and track is seldom straight for more than 10 yds.

OPs : Fairly good OPs at 686157 OLD VIVIE and 683154 (over-looking 686157).

Suitable Dropping Grounds : NIL.

Natives : No villages or natives encountered.

Defensive Posns : At 687157 (Pl), 685158 (Coy), and 682162 (Pl).  
Track follows razor back spurs and ridges that could be defended easily from attack.

Enemy Posns : At 689153 enemy signs were found. Native scout reported two Japs had slept there on night of 6/7 Jun. Excreta and surrender leaflets at this point.  
At 687157 enemy posns were found large enough for 10 - 15 men. Equipment, as above, was found at this point, also two new graves. Posn had been recently vacated. There was a quantity of bamboo shoots and roots in the shelter. It appeared that 4 or 5 men had occupied the posn within previous 24 hours.  
A thorough search of area was NOT made, as object of the patrol had NOT been achieved at that time.  
Further posns were located at 686157, but no enemy were sighted. Posn had been heavily shelled. This posn was later occupied by 11 Pl.

Deductions : From evidence as seen by patrol it would appear that enemy (approx 20 - 30) were in occupation of feature in two posns, but strength had dwindled, possibly due to our own shelling, to 4 - 6 men.  
These apparently moved out on 5 - 6 Jun.

Reliability of Map: Map is fairly accurate in regard to large features, but form lines do NOT give true picture of smaller features, spurs, razor backs, etc.  
Captured Jap Sketch fairly accurate.

General Remarks: Own Eqpt : Patrol carried 4 rifles, 3 Owens, 1 Bren, and 2 grenades each. 4 Mags per M.G.  
Difficulty was found in carrying mags satisfactorily. Equipment pouches are a great hindrance when climbing, as they catch on thighs. Mags fall from pockets and quickly tear patch pockets.  
Suggest that experiments be made with Owen mag pouch worn in same manner as respirator (alert).  
Alternatively pouch could be joined to belt, front and back, which would transfer weight of grenades (and wet pants) to shoulders instead of hips.

Shelling : Results of our own shelling on 687157 were good. Area was well covered and cleared of all undergrowth. Debris on ground made location of enemy posns difficult.

Guide and scout worked well and hard, and were fairly easy to understand.

Times were not taken on route out, owing to necessity of cautious movement and frequent halts. Time in OLD VIVIE : 1 hr.  
Total time taken : 4 3/4 hrs.

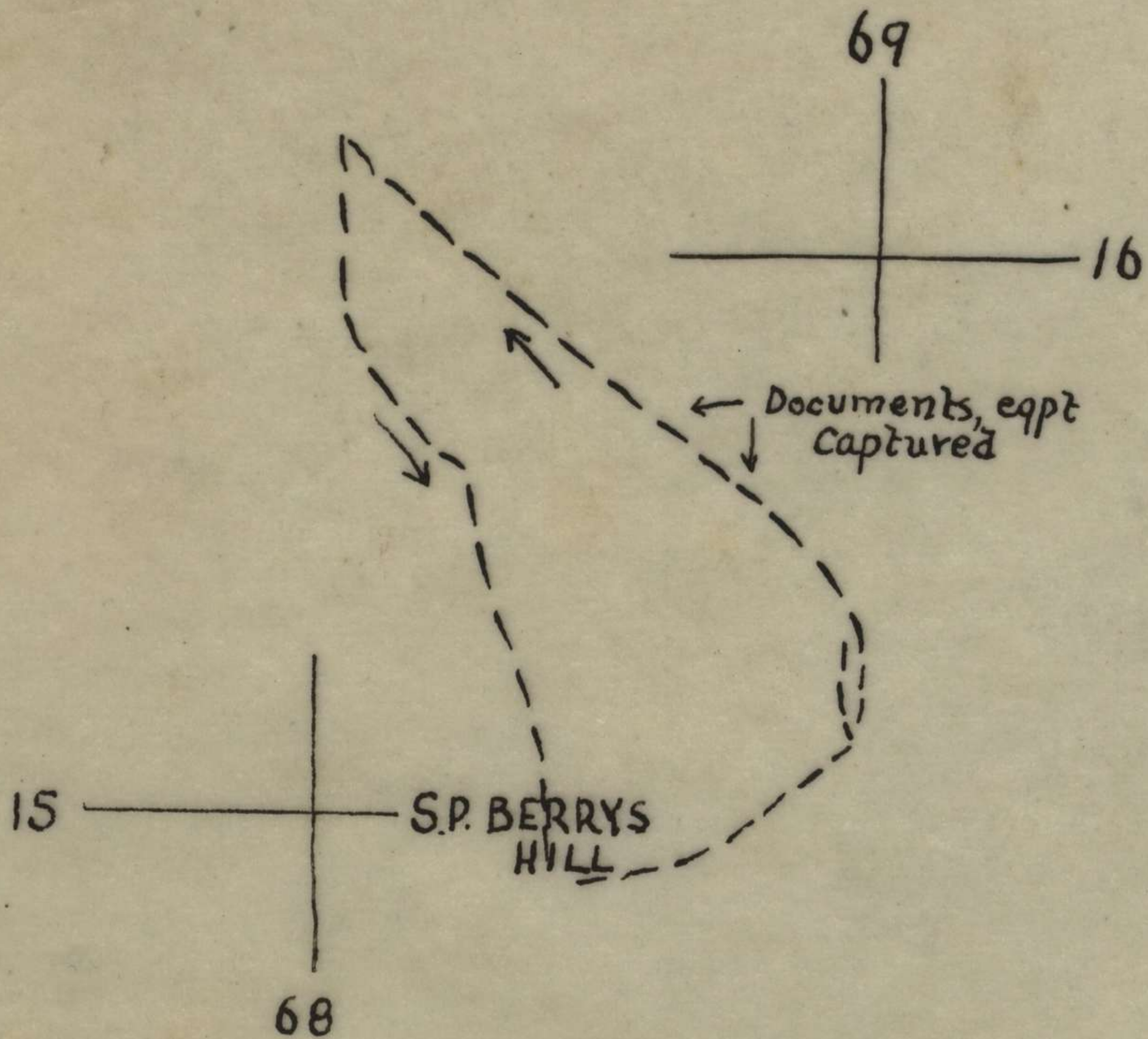
Appx "A" - Route taken by patrol.

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Patrol Comd.

# OVERLAY PATROL 3 ROUTE

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PATROL REPORT NO 3

7 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

Patrol Comd : Lt L DONALD

Patrol Strength : 1 Offrs 9 ORs.

Route Out : Keemans - River Crossing 613154, thence through OLD SISIVIE 614160 to OP 5 614161.

Route In : OP 5 to OLD SISIVIE, then SW along track to creek at 613158. Along creek to junc with WAKUNIA RIVER at 612154 then S along usual track to KEEMANS.

Time Out : 070900L

Time In : 071530L.

Object of Patrol : Recce of Jap posn and approach through OP 5.

Casualties : Enemy : 1 wounded. Own : Nil.

Equipment and Documents captured : NIL.

#### PART I

Patrol approached to within 35 yds of Jap bunker

mentioned in previous report 1. Cover from fire to this point was good. Patrol was unable to advance further as line of approach dropped very sharply to enemy posns with very little cover. For last 35 yds, only approach would be along track which is 2 yds - 3 yds wide with very steep drop either side.

Deductions : Weapons in bunker would possibly be sited to cover this 35 yds. Only approach to bunker would be along track.

#### PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL : Tracks : Track out as patrol report number one. Track leading NW was located at 615159, believed to be alternative route to OP 5.

2. ACTION- OWN : At 1215 hrs attempt was made to strike bunker by BY rifleman. Due to trees surrounding bunker only one grenade landed near bunker. Others hit trees and bounced in various directions. At 1230 hrs Bren Gunners opened fire on bunker at range of 60 yds and kitchen at 100 yds. As bunker was engaged a second time, one Jap was seen to jump out of the bunker and fell to the ground, probably hit by our fire.

3. ENEMY : Only one enemy was seen by patrol which remained in area for about 1 1/2 hours. Several others heard talking and yelling during firing. Patrol was fired on by LMG while withdrawing along spur. Believed to be sited between kitchen and bunker (as shown on sketch attached to patrol report 1.)

4. DEDUCTIONS : No listening posts or sentries observed outside perimeter, but enemy definitely on the alert.

General Remarks : Alternative route in as followed by patrol was bound to save a little time but would be useful as a return route only. Creek was narrow and very rocky.

Appendix "A": Overlay of route taken.

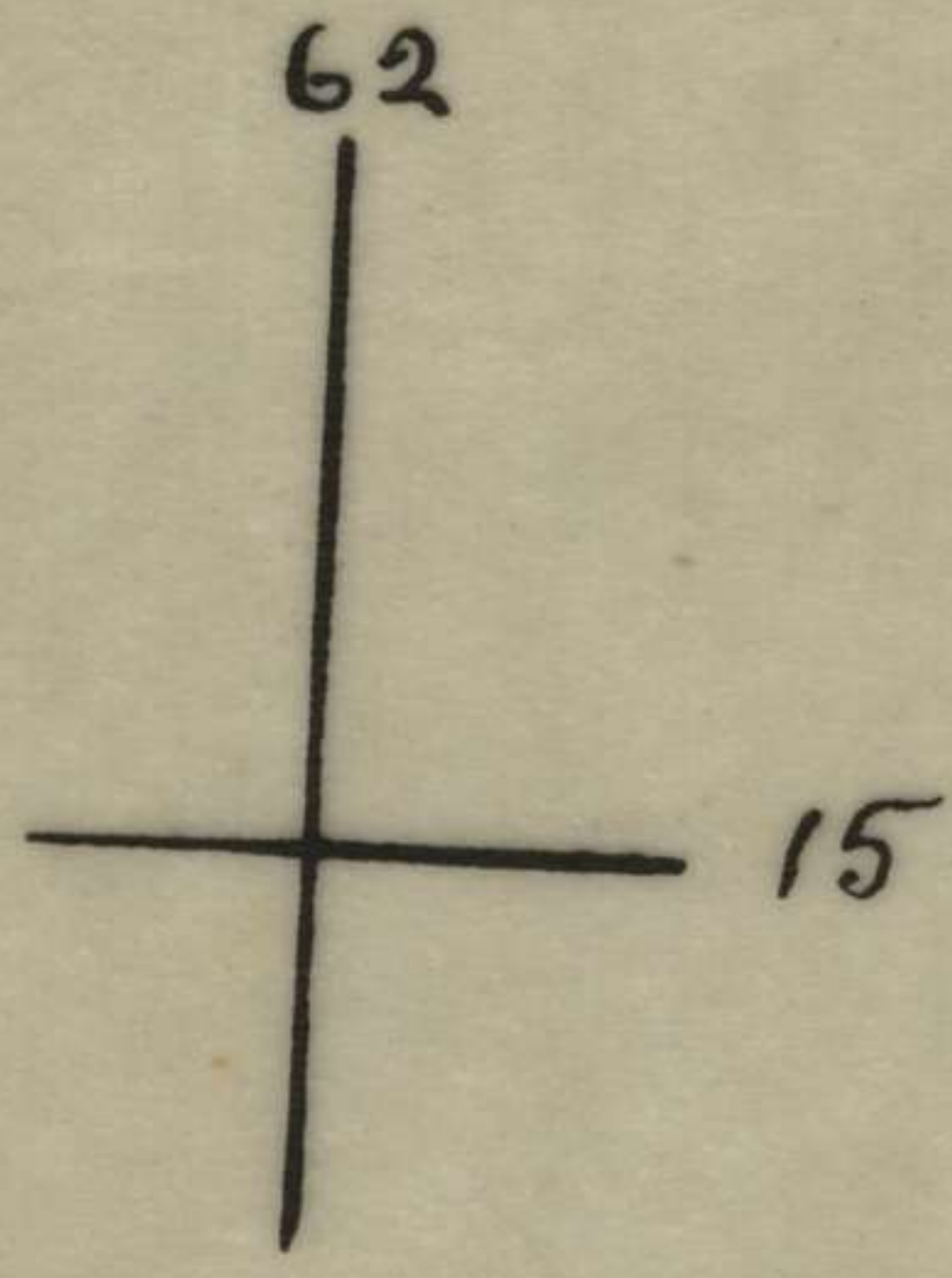
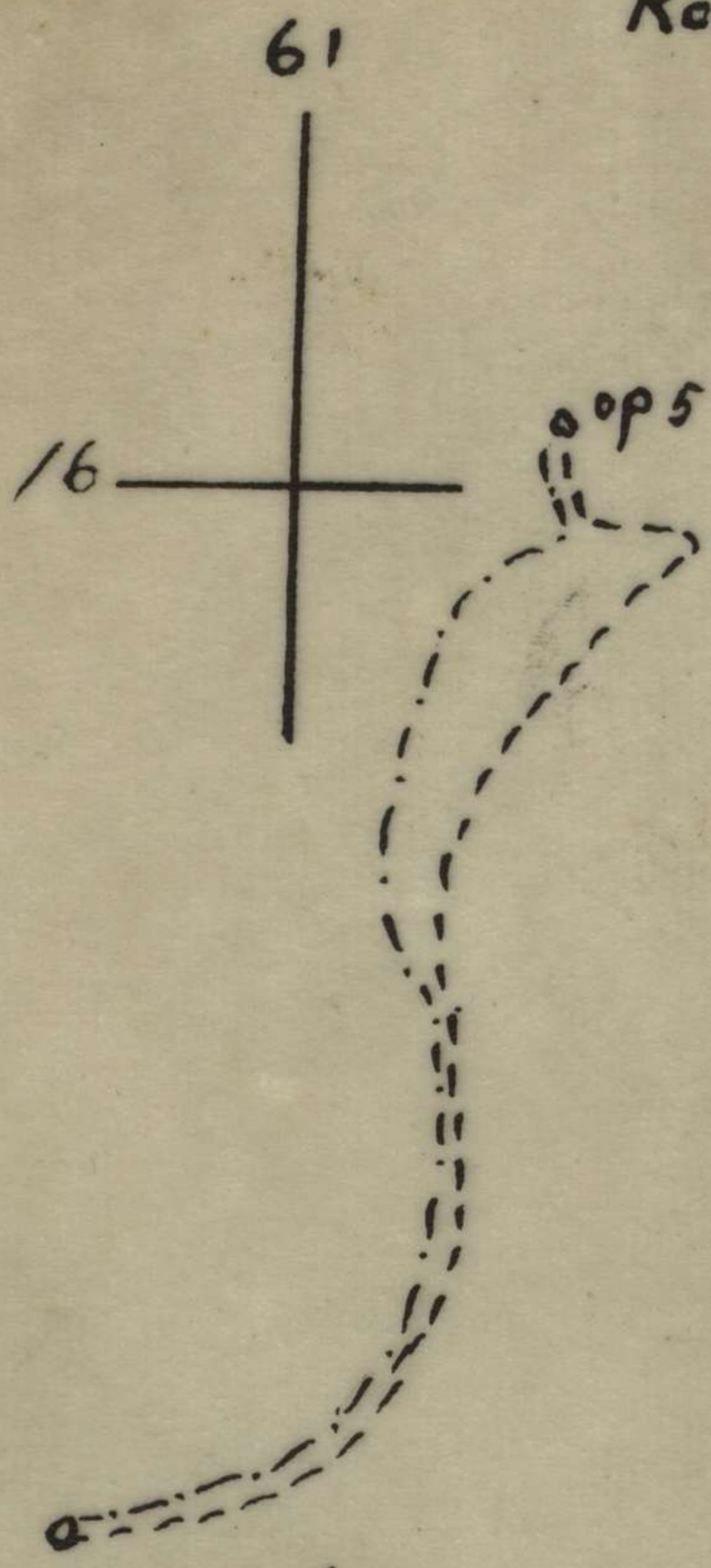
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Route Taken By  
Patrol 3

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Route Out ---  
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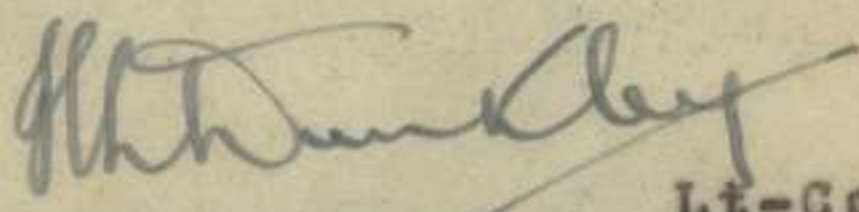
To Lt BASKERVILLE C COY

1. INFORMATION :

ENEMY : An enemy force - strength unknown - is located to the NORTH of your posn 693159 in BASE POINT 3 Area.

Own : 11 Pl have a standing patrol at 686157. They have been warned of this patrol.

2. ROLE : On 8 Jun 45 you will send a patrol to probe along ridge to your NORTH with the object of locating and pinpointing enemy posns for a frontal attack.

  
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Patrol Comd : L/Sjt ARMSTRONG E APatrol by : 14 Pl.Patrol Strength : 1 F.O.O. 1 NCO and 10 ORs.Route Out : From 693159 along feature to 694162.Route In : Reverse of route out.Time Out : 080915L.Time In : 081115L.Object of Patrol : Probe along ridge NORTH of coy posn 693159 to locate and pinpoint enemy posns for a frontal attack.Briefed By : 14 Pl Comd.Casualties : (a) Enemy : 1 killed.  
(b) Own : 1 killed (F.O.O. Lt MORGAN).PART I

Enemy positions contacted consisted of one bunker across track approx 694163 with 2 foxholes approx 10 yds from bunker towards our posn.

PART II

1. Topographical : Only 300 yds was covered by patrol. Track was well defined and little vegetation exists due to effects from arty fire. The spur was 20 - 30 yds wide along route covered.
2. Action - Own : Patrol moved forward to approx 694162 and saw one Jap in one of the foxholes. He was engaged with an OSMG and grenades and was killed. Patrol withdrew to allow arty to be brought down on the posn. The F.O.O. with patrol considered that the bunker posn received 2 direct hits. F.O.O. asked for permission, which was granted, to move forward and attack bunker posn. After moving about 30 - 40 yds the enemy opened fire and we engaged the posns. In this action the F.O.O. was killed. Arty fire was again brought down on the posn to cover the recovery of the body. When the body was brought out, we returned to the coy posn.
3. Enemy : 3 enemy were observed during contact, and it is considered bunker is occupied. The F.O.O. told us when we first sighted the bunker that it had been constructed 50 yds in front of a bunker he had seen in a previous patrol. Enemy posns were well dug in and camouflaged.
4. General : Arty has been accurate on feature, and vegetation is very knocked about. An Owen gun, together with filled mag, was not recovered during the action.

.....E A ARMSTRONG L/Sjt  
Patrol Commander.

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File                            3 - 4  
War Diary                      5

9 Jun 45.

Ref Maps : KOWARO 1:25000 - IBU 1:25000

PATROL COMD : Lt R R BONDE.Patrol By : 11 PlPatrol Strength : 1 Offr 10 ORs - 2 ORs 27 Bn Sigs  
1 Police Boy - 1 Native Scout (Supili).Route Out : 683154 - 682157 - 674177 - 673189  
673217 - 678225 - 682233 - 694243  
703248 - 711255.Route In : Reverse of route out with slight deviations.Time Out : 041035L Time In : 081630L.Object of Patrol AND TASKS

- (a) Recce the area vicinity WAKUNAI RIVER from 720263 to approx 74280, and locate a posn suitable for a coy base free from enemy observation.
  - (b) Locate a suitable dropping ground in close proximity to selected base.
  - (c) Report on possibility of continuing the Jeep track fwd of BERRY'S HILL, via route out and, if unsuitable, via a route in, selected by myself.
- (NOTE:) Task (c) was countermanded by I.O., 27 Bn. Stating new intention of continuing jeep track, but advised report on suggested route.

Briefed By : C.O. and I.O., 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF).Casualties : (a) Enemy : Nil.  
(b) Own : Nil.PART I

(a) 697244

(b) 696245

(c) Tentative jeep route from 682157 to 711255 is jeepable with the construction of brs at pts shown on overlay (Appx "A") and as per para 1 (b) Part II.

PART II1. TOPOGRAPHICAL :

- (a) Tracks: (i) Patrol made its own track where necessary to select jeepable route.
- (ii) Patrol followed pad from 675217 to 711255 per overlay.
- (iii) Route from 702248 to 711255 revealed fresh enemy and pro Jap native footmark and older enemy lean-to's.
- (iv) Pad from 675218 to 687238 is much more difficult than route from 682157 to 675218.
- (v) Native pad exists from 687238 running in a NW direction (Route in and out used by pro Allied KANAKAS, who assisted patrol in latter stage.)





Natives explained that pro Jap natives would locate patrol's tracks, follow while others notified the enemy who would then cut patrol off.

(iv) Local KANAKAS supplied patrol each day with hot, cooked, sweet potatoes and informed me, through police boy, that assistance of tribe could be expected in future operations in area. Eldest KANAKA asked for reference be shown to other Aust patrols thereafter operating. Reference given.

2. ENEMY : Activity, fresh tracks, bivouac areas (010) and signs of recent food gathering located 702248 NE along river. Natives report enemy with native scouts frequent river area from coast collecting food, bivouac over night, and return next day.

3. TIMINGS :

DAY	FROM	TO	MARCHING TIME	REMARKS
S.P.	683154	041035L		
1.	683154	677214	6 hrs 5 mins	approx 55 crossings of creek.
2.	677214	687238	2 " 45 "	} Forced march making slight deviations of route
3.	687238	711255	2 " 20 "	
5.	687238	682234	1 " 35 "	
	682234	675217	1 " 30 "	} cut in order to make marching easier.
	675217	677214	5 " 30 "	
	677214	683154	5 " 45 "	

4. GENERAL REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS.

(a) Liaison between 7 Bn, 27 Bn and ANGAU in reference to this patrol was most unsatisfactory because of the following :

- (i) It was NOT until the second day of the patrol that I became aware of the true identity of the scout (name).
- (ii) ANGAU's briefing of the scouts was not in agreement with the object of the patrol. Consequently I had great difficulty in keeping the scout moving along route.
- (iii) ANGAU's instr were that native scout would NOT go beyond 703249, although the limit of my task was 742280. I was NOT informed of this, nor was I told that ANGAU would NOT be able to supply scouts to the full extent of my task until 3 or 4 days after the date of patrol leaving. Consequently, I was confused when scouts became uncertain and difficult to control in later stages.
- (iv) Police boy and scouts were issued with only 4 days rations when the duration of the patrol out was listed as 6 or 7 days.
- (v) ANGAU's briefing of natives is very definite instr as far as scouts are concerned. Any variation of their briefing on the part of the scouts is definitely NOT encouraged. Consequently to obtain perfect co-ordination between patrol cmd and scouts an ANGAU representative should be present at the briefing of long patrol to make this important detail possible.

(b) On the fourth day out patrol maintained a base at 688239 from which recce patrol (1 offr 4 ORs) went to area 696245 for detailed recce Coy perimeter and dropping ground.

(c) Route out of patrol is not suitable to move coy over to occupy selected coy area. Suggest track via KALIKOKU under direction of native guide, who knows country perfectly.

5. APPENDICES *

- "A" Route taken (overlay KOWARO - IBU 1:25000)
- "B" Memory sketch of selected dropping ground and coy base area.

.....R R BONDE Lt  
Patrol Commander.

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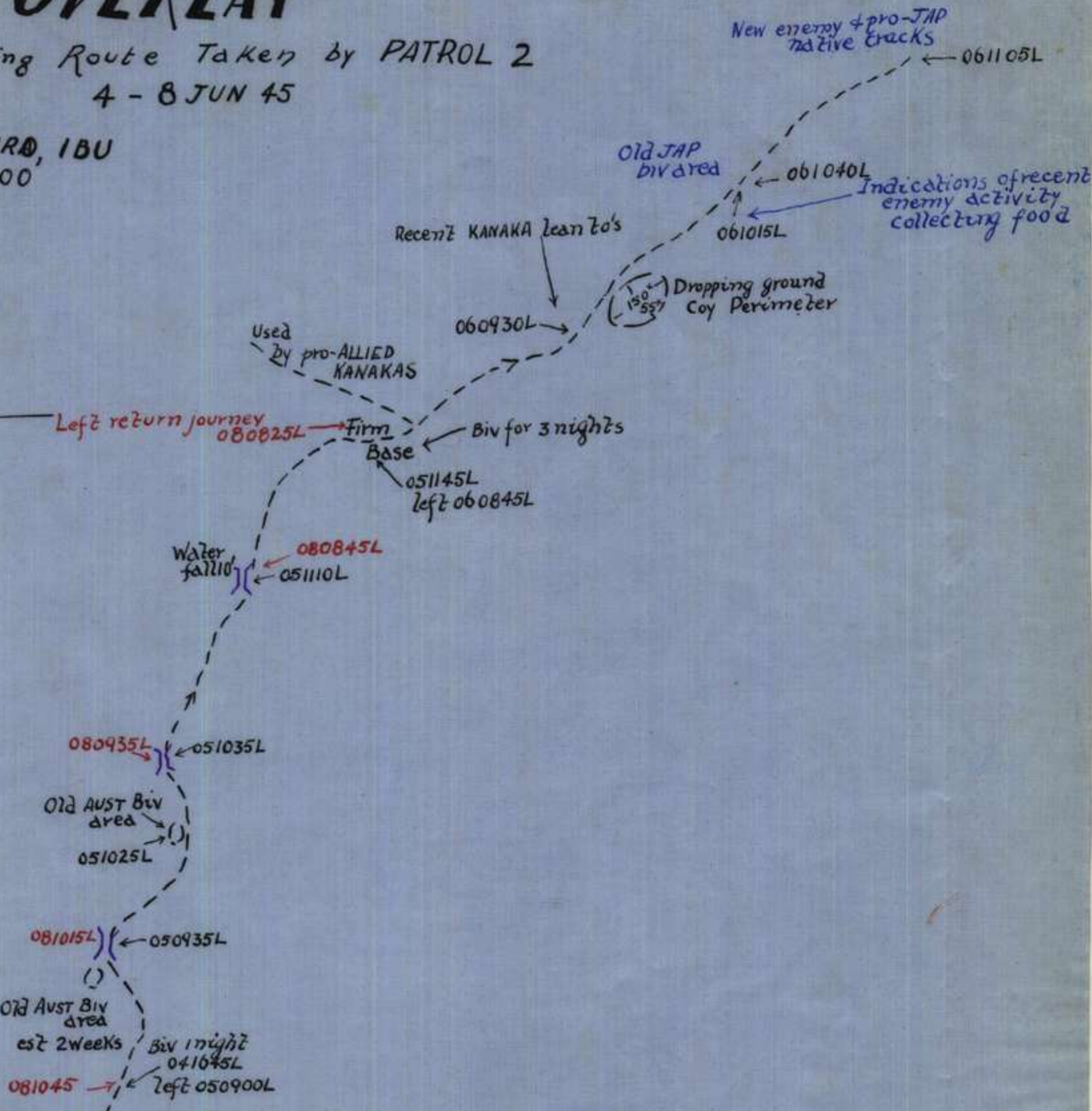
# OVERLAY

APPX 'A'

Showing Route Taken by PATROL 2  
4 - 8 JUN 45

Ref Maps KOWARD, IBU  
1:25000

67  
24



Red - times for ROUTE IN  
} - suggested bridges

6 dead JAPS (skeletons)  
+ eqpt located  
approx area

Patrol 2

16  
71

Start time 040745L SP BERRYS HILL

'I' Sec 7 AUST INF BN  
10 JUN 45

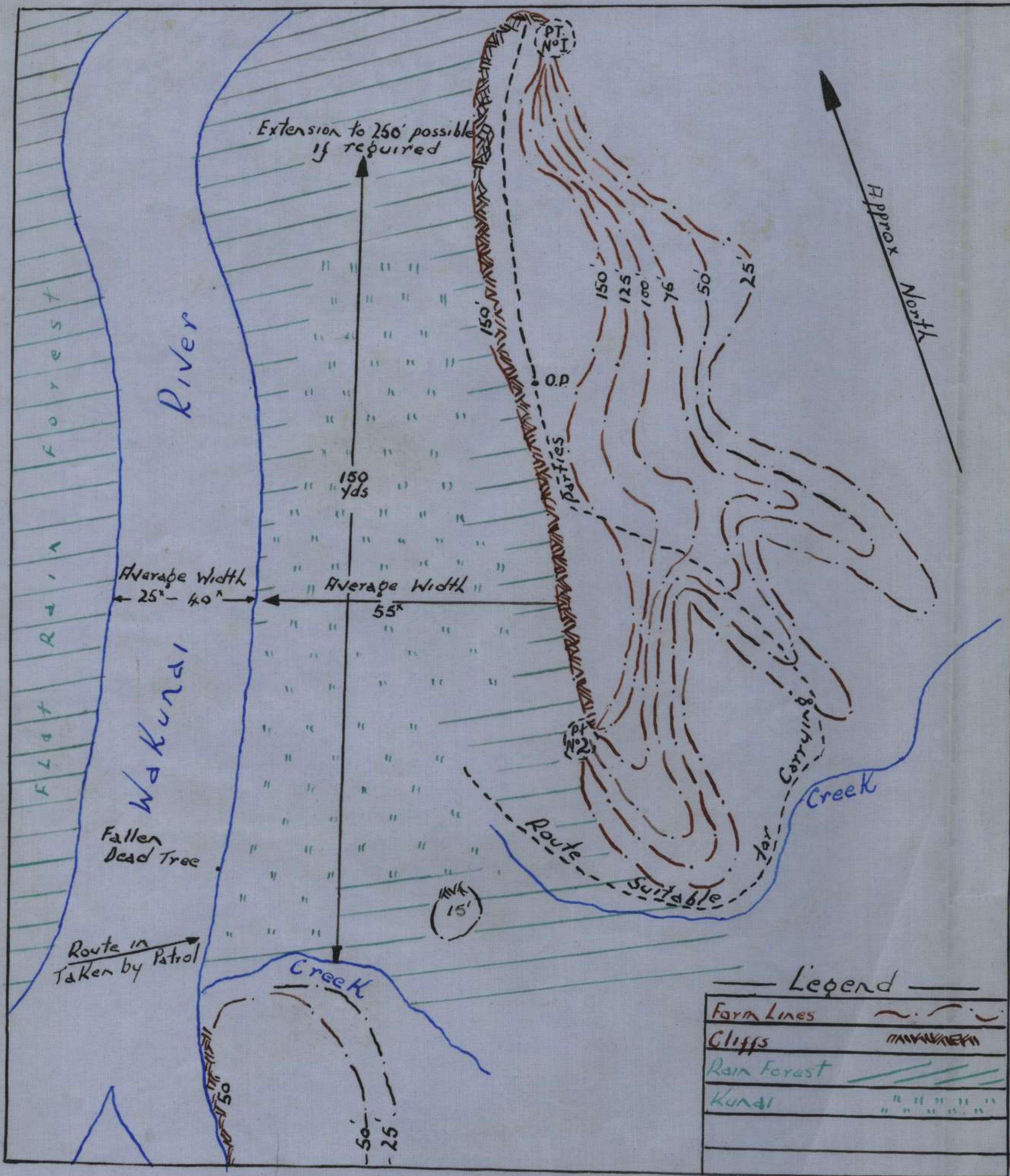
# EYE SKETCH

Proposed Coy Perimeter & Dropping Ground

(APPX 'B')

Ref Map ~ 'IBU' 1:25000

Map Ref 696245



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

APPX 10

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 / 1945 57 AUST INF BN (AIF) (Unit)

W.E. 11 / 120 / 3 OFFRS. 33 O.R's. 769 + OFFRS. 1 O.R's. 32 ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
1 3 8 20 1	1	9	1 2 8 29 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANC	1							
38	1	9	41			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		42									42
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 9 / 6 / 1945. (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LT-COL	VX5174	LORREY	H L E	CO	YES		
MAJ	VX134070	JONES		CAPOV 21/5/45	YES		
MAJ	VX114147	SMITH	F W	CH D 21/5/45	YES		
CAPT	VX114147	DEWBY	K	OC A	YES		
"	VX114145	MCINNES	H O	OC B	"		
"	VX114155	ROBERTS	R	OC D	"		
"	VX37038	GUNN	R W	-	NO	24 DAYS ARL	23/5/45
"	VX114150	CAMERON	H O	OC C	YES		
"	TX2119	MCKINNON	L N	21/C A	"		
"	SX20648	DAVIDSON	G H	ADJT	"		
T/CAPT	VX102702	BARLEE	F H	OC HQ	"		
LT	VX114147	NORMAN	L C	CM	"		
"	VX43303	RING	A K	HFT	"		
"	VX114136	MCCARTHY	T S	21/CD	"		
"	VX33771	GRIFFIN	C E	21/C C	"		
"	VX114154	NEVILLE	K C	-	NO	COMP LEAVE	22/4/45
"	VX88143	MCPHEE	N H	3 PL	YES		
CAPT	VX114157	SMITHKELL	H M	CA 21/5/45	NO	YR/3 AGR (X LIST)	27/4/45
"	VX148673	DONALD	L E	7 PL	YES		
"	VX133170	BILTON	S G J	10	"		
"	VX67047	MCKENZIE	I M	9 PL	"		
"	VX87387	ELLIOTT	M H	13 PL	"		
"	VX87377	DELLER	K E	1 PL	"		
"	VX37177	CORCORAN	H L	HFT	"		
"	VX87359	EDWARDS	D M W	10	"		
"	VX56107	RUSH	G	12 PL	"		
"	TX450	BUNDE	R R	10 PL	"		
"	VX29773	PHIPPARD	R B	-	NO	110 AGH (XLIST)	12/4/45
"	VX33824	VEALE	H J	2 PL	YES		
"	VX27678	HARRIS	J A C	ASS/CM	"		
"	VX88970	KUHNE	H A	ASS/ADJT	"		
"	VX103427	ROBSON	K	-	NO	LHO SCH OF M I	16/5/45
"	VX42080	PIATTEN	L P	-	NO	24 DAYS ARL	20/5/45
"	VX147941	GRAVELL	K	13 PL	YES		
"	VX60222	BELL	H G	3 PL	"		
"	VX26483	BASKERVILLE	N T	14 PL	"		
"	VX42442	CATTELL	A B	3 PL	"		
"	VX37468	CAMERON	C F	ASS/SO	"		
"	VX42977	MURPHY	J	16 PL	"		
"	VX5972	MITCHELL	A L	4 PL	"		
ATTACHED							
APT	NX118330	THOMSON	C R	RMO	"		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
CAPT	NX162533	FRY F J	AI CH D	8/2/44	CHAPLAIN CLASS 4
LT	B3/375	SHACKELL M	YMCA	21/5/45	YMCA REP

JUN 9 1945

Date of Despatch

*[Signature]*  
Lt.-Col.  
Signature of Commander Bn. (A.I.F.)







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 9/6/1945.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reints. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, E.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangefinders	4	3	
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Computers								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II.				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	20	20		Tailors	4	3	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refitters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				By. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Tk/A MOB	19	19	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Batson	35	35	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Gen Duties	3	3	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Hygiene	4	4	
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Amens LMG	397	351	26
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								MG MOB	22	22	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								MOB MOB	73	73	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				Pioneers	32	32	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		RFB	0	0	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12		RP Sgt	1	1	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				Storemen	0	0	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				SES	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				W/Duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concreters				RSM	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				RQRS	1	1	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CSTS	3	3	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Elders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Sgt PI	25	25	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				DVTS ST	12	12	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics	18			QMS	1	1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tptn. Plant				Tpt Sgt	1	1	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers							
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		CARRIED FORWARD	57	73		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	769744	26	*

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reints. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

JUN 9 1945  
Date of Despatch

*W. J. ...* Lt.-Col.  
Signature of Commandant, Bn. (A.I.F.)



APPX 11

7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

PATROL INSTRUCTION - PIB PATROL NO 3

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy No : THREE (3)

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

To : Lt BURNS 7 Pl 1 PIB

1. INFORMATION:

ENEMY : Enemy posns in area :

(a) NEW VIVIE approx 685165 estimated to be occupied by 15 - 20 enemy.

(b) WEARNE'S HILL estimated to be occupied by 30 - 40 enemy.

No recent activity has been reported along NUMA NUMA trail to the WEST from WEARNE'S HILL.

OWN : 7 Bn posns as already known by you. Capt CAMERON will be making a recce, with a patrol str of 1 offr 5 ORs and native scout, of enemy posn NEW VIVIE, duration 2 days. He will accompany you to approx 680163, but after he leaves you there, you should not contact him again.

2. ROLE : You will make a recce of NUMA NUMA trail to track junction 685174, and ascertain if enemy are using the track as an L of C from WEARNE'S HILL.

3. STRENGTH : Yourself and 7 Pl.

4. DURATION : 2 days.

5. ROUTE OUT : from BERRY'S HILL to 689154, NW along track to junc 677168, then NE to junc 685174.

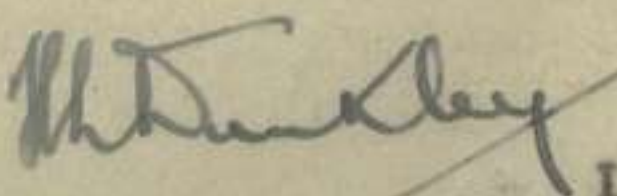
6. ROUTE IN : Reverse of route out.

7. START TIME : 0830 hrs 9 Jun 45.

8. ADM : At your own discretion.

9. INTERCOMN : 208 W.T.

10. GENERAL : Arty will be firing on WEARNE'S HILL during your two days out.

  
Lt-Col  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

DISTRIBUTION:

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File	2-3.
War Diary	4.
23 Bde	5.

PATROL INSTRUCTION NO 6

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

To : Capt CAMERON C Coy

1. INFORMATION :

ENEMY : It is estimated that approx 15 - 20 enemy are in a posn on NEW VIVIE approx 685165. WEARNE'S HILL is also occupied by 30 - 40 Japs.

OWN : PIB patrol will accompany you to GILL'S HILL approx 680163, and will be continuing along GILL'S HILL to recce track junction 685174. They will be out for two days but you should not meet them again, after leaving them at 680163. B Coy have a standing patrol, one sec str, at 686157.

2. ROLE : You will recce enemy posn - NEW VIVIE 685165 and :
- (a) locate and obtain all infm possible about the posn.
  - (b) locate most suitable approach for an attack on the posn.

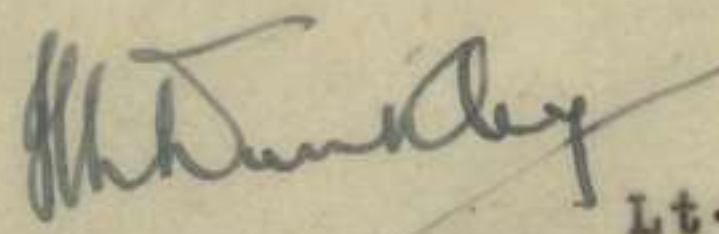
3. STRENGTH: Yourself, 5 ORs and native guide.

4. DURATION: 1 day.

5. ROUTE OUT: From 693159 to 689154, NW along OLD VVIE to approx 680163, then by native guide.

6. ROUTE IN: Suggest reverse of route out.

7. STARTING TIME : 0830 hrs 9 Jun 45.

  
 Lt-Col  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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APPX 13.

FROM : 7 INF BN

T.O.O. 101525L

TO CAROL

FOR INFM : PIPES KIRBY MMG OFFR SHELLDRAKE

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Q 3 (.) SECRET (.) you will attack with one pl the enemy  
posn along feature to your immediate front (.) limit of  
exploitation your discretion (.) you will have sp fire from  
3 in mor 4.2 mor arty and MMGs from H - 60 to H hr (.)  
H hr 111000L (.) liaise between sp arm comds and yourself  
to arrange fire plan (.) med (.) RAP your present posn 20  
nativex carriers available to evac cas (.) intercomn (.)  
line with attacking pl (.) ack (.)

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*G. W. Davidson*

.....Capt  
Adjt 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

11 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

Patrol Comd : Lt BURNS

Patrol By : 7 Pl P.I.B.

Patrol Strength : 4 Europeans 37 Natives

Time Out : 090800L Time In : 101815L.

Route Out : From 684117 to BERRY'S HILL 684150, and along RUSH'S KNOLL.

Route In : From GILL'S HILL 682159 - RUSH'S KNOLL-BERRY'S HILL to 684117.

PART I

Object of Patrol : Recce NUMA NUMA track to track junc 685174, and ascertain if enemy are using the track as an L of C from WEARNE'S HILL.

Equipment & Documents captured : One bag full of yams (wild food).

Casualties : Own : Nil Enemy : One.

PART II

R. TOPOGRAPHICAL :

- (a) Tracks : From BERRY'S HILL feature, as shown on overlay "O" 1.
- (b) Rivers and Creeks : As shown on map KOWARO 1:25000.
- (c) Vegetation: Bamboo covering most of way on tracks.
- (d) Supply Dropping areas: Nil.
- (e) Suitable ambush posns: Along creek and river beds. OP s View restricted - heavy timber and jungle - BERRY'S HILL 684150.
- (f) Villages, huts and gardens : Nil.
- (g) Natives : One Kanaka with two enemy in garden WEARNE'S HILL area.
- (h) Reliability of Map : Not very reliable from 685174 to GILL'S HILL feature 683159.

FIRST DAY : Departed 684117 Art Hill 0800L to BERRY'S HILL 684150 on to feature RUSH'S KNOLL to 681161. Left track at this point across country on to Base Point 3 at 684165 where enemy LMG & listening post was observed (Time :1300L) 684168 back on track to creek bed 684164, followed creek bed to 682166 to NEW VIVIE feature. 1 enemy was observed on track at 684167. Probable listening post.

Pl moved back to creek bed 682166 along creek to 678167, Pl bivouac at this point at 1530L. During night enemy mov and talking were heard in direction of Base Point 3.

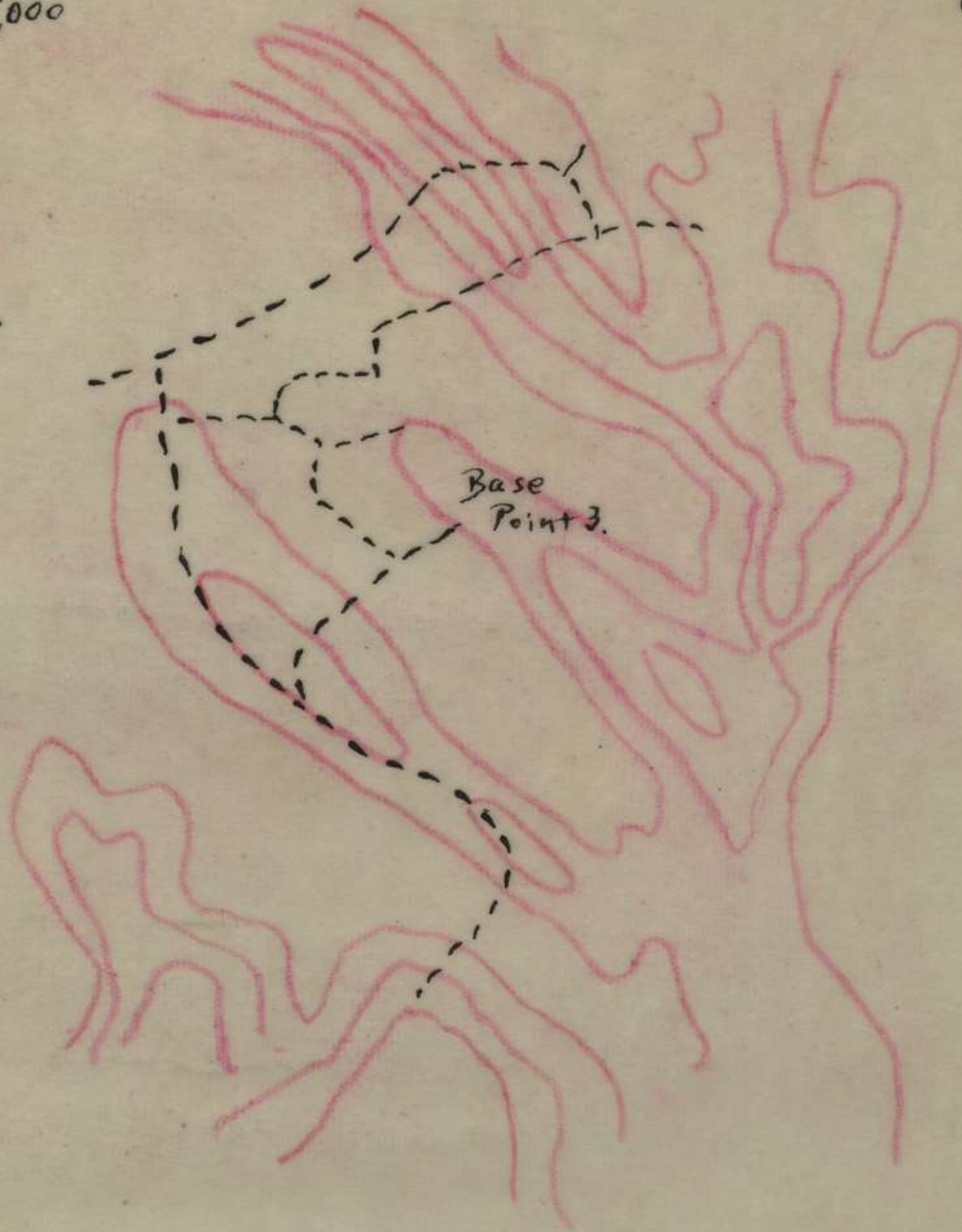
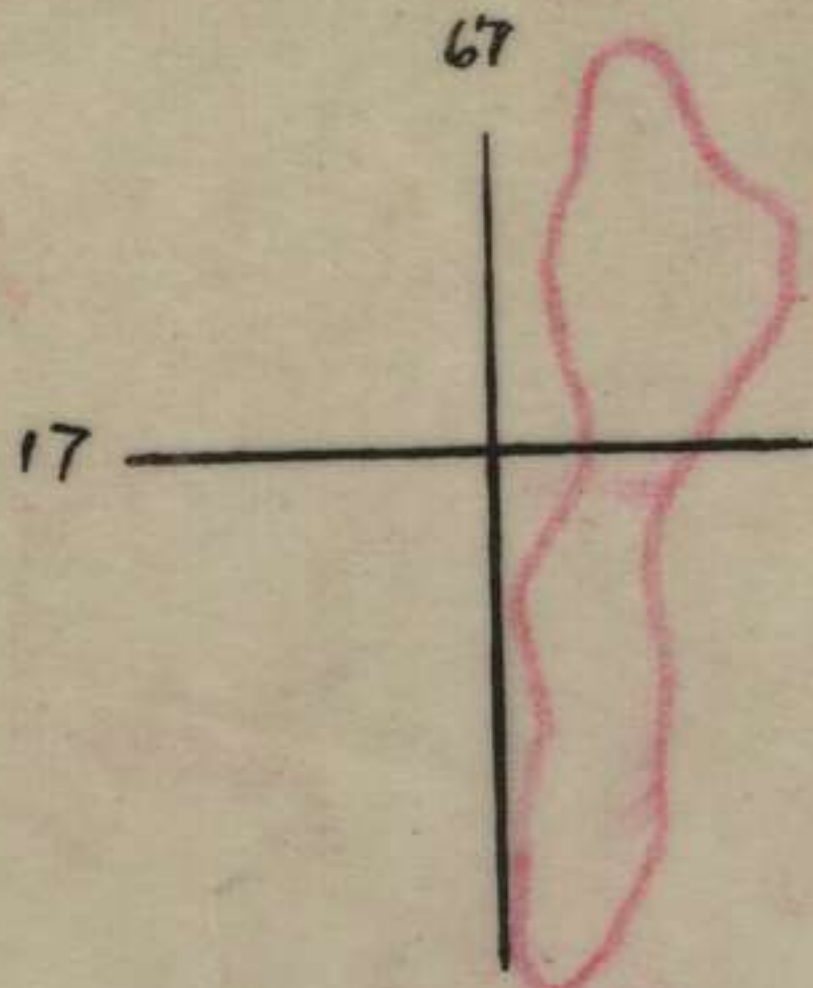
SECOND DAY: 0713 Departed 678167 back to creek 681167 - along creek - branched off ck at 681168 to 683169 on track running on to Base Point 3 feature. Reccd track for 200 yds. Bamboo made walking difficult on track. No mov on track. 683170 left track, crossed NUMA NUMA track at 687172; no mov on track. Pl rested at 689173 creek bed and small patrol sent forward to 692173 on WEARNE'S HILL & much mov was heard in this area. Patrol returned to 689173 and Pl had lunch 1300L. Patrol encountered two Japs and a Kanaka at 689171 1400L digging for wild yams - captured. Patrol moved along ck to NUMA NUMA track junc 685174 along track covered with bamboo to 678169 - along track to GILL'S HILL - RUSH'S KNOLL to BERRY'S HILL. Appx "O 1" Overlay showing operations.

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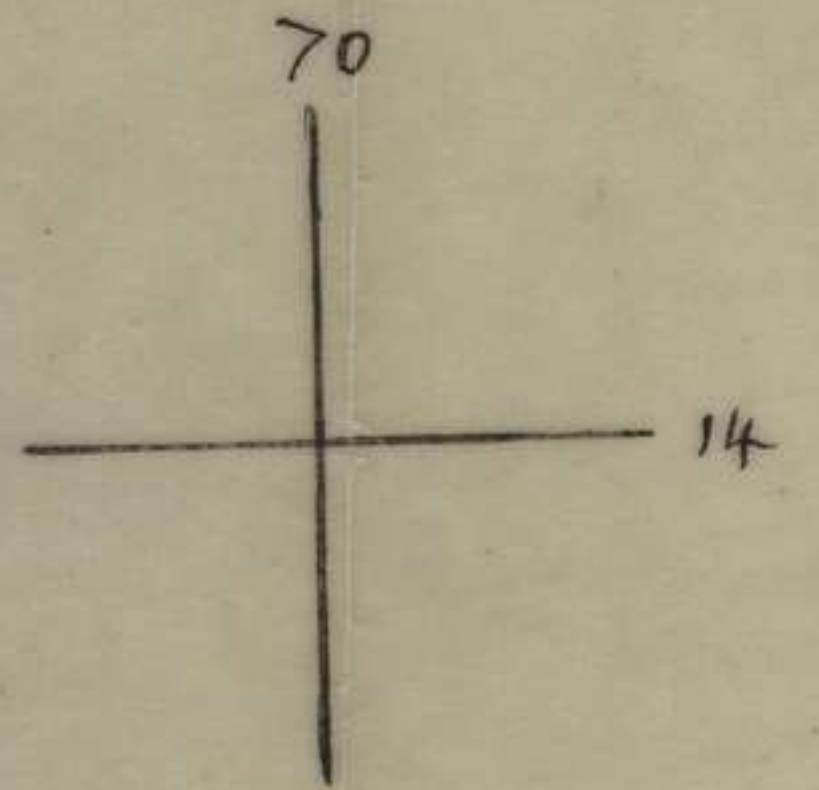
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B Coy P.I.B. Patrol No 3.  
OVERLAY OF OPERATIONS  
REF. MAP. KOWARO 1:25,000

B Coy  
PAPUAN INF BN.  
11 JUN. 45



Route taken by Patrol. - - - - -



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(b) On completion of dropping ground this HQ will be notified and arrangements will be made for air drop.

7. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT : As per 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Adm Order No 15 less blankets.

8. AMM : (a) SAA : 50 rds per man.  
(b) Gren (36) : 3 per man plus 100 on carriers.  
(c) Gren (69) : Sufficient to provide smoke signals to direct aircraft to dropping ground.  
(d) All mag boxes filled plus 9000 rds ctn per carriers.
9. ENGR STORES : Axes 3  
Shovels 10  
Picks 5

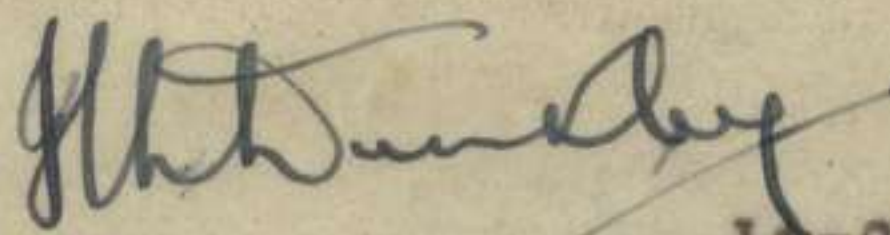
MALARIAL PRECAUTIONS AND HYGIENE :

10. As per 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) Standing Orders.

MED :

11. (a) During initial stages cas will be evac by native carriers  
(b) On completion of strip by aircraft. *(if ahhuwa)*

INTENGOMNS : (a) Three 208 wireless sets.  
(b) Line will be laid when cable becomes available.

  
Lt-Col  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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PATROL REPORT NO 4 SISIVIE AREA

APPX 15A^{copy} No. 2

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7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

15 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

Patrol Comd : Lt L DONALD.

Patrol By : 7 Pl A Coy.

Patrol Strength : 1 Offr 9 ORs 1 Native Guide.

Route Out : KEENAN'S - River Crossing 613154 thence through OP3 to TOKUA 637176.

Route In : Reverse of route out

Time Out : 140800Lhrs Time In : 151600Lhrs

Object of Patrol : Recce enemy posn at TOKUA and likely approaches.

Briefed By : Patrol Comd.

Casualties : Enemy : 2 killed Own : Nil.

Equipment and documents captured : Nil

PART I

TOKUA was found at map ref 637176 and correct as shown on maps. Posn may be approached from any angle except where SISIVIE Track enters posn.

PART II

1. Topographical : (a) Tracks : Track followed to OP 3 as taken by previous patrols to SISIVIE. From OP 3 track follows spur down hill grade all way to TOKUA. Track well defined and correct as shown on map. Spur very narrow on top with very steep drop on either side. Two tracks lead off on smaller spur in EASTERLY direction from TOKUA-IBU Track. It is not known where these tracks lead to. 10 mins before reaching TOKUA, track leads off to left down ridge believed to lead to KOKOSILI.
- (b) Creeks and Rivers : No creeks or rivers from SISIVIE onward.
- (c) Vegetation : Bamboo along ridge and sago palm in places along top of ridge. TOKUA entire feature covered with bamboo with little undergrowth. Large amount of this bamboo has been knocked about by arty fire.
- (d) Suitable ambush posns : IBU Track - SISIVIE Track WP.
- (e) Bivouac posns : 10 mins from TOKUA along SISIVIE area for Pl posn. 15 mins from TOKUA excellent section bivouac area.
- (f) Reliability of Map : Amended copy found accurate.

2. ACTION - OWN : Day 1 : On reaching posn 150 yds from Japs on SISIVIE track packs were left with 5 of patrol who set ambush on track. Patrol Comd with 2 ORs and native guide proceeded to recce on left flank. This area is low and marshy with small non perennial water courses. Two Jap footmarks made that morning were seen. This ground continued to rear of TOKUA posn where ridge was climbed to TOKUA-IBU track. Moved 100 yds along IBU track and turned down small spur among bamboo to left. Turned down this spur, climbed another spur running parallel where well defined track was found. Could not understand native name for village to which it led. From this posn it was possible to see tops of two huts and one dug in hut - distance of 150 yds. Descended this spur to creek at bottom and found Jap WP. Followed past the point 50 yds from hut dug in was seen from point described above.

Posn of observation behind two large trees would give excellent fire posn to riflemen. Patrol continued to move to left and climbed spur leading to dug in hut described above. A disused track ran along this spur. We then moved back to SP having circled the posn. From IBU Track to SP heavy bamboo all the way.

Day 2 : Moved from bivouac area to posn of observation first used Day 1. On hearing voices Jap posn natives stated one Jap was going for water. Self and native hurried right flank to WP. Were too late as wet footmarks of Jap seen on path to WP. On returning moved up disused track described above and approached to within 20 yds of dug out with native type roof from which voices were heard. It was decided that attack could be made from this point. We then returned to remainder of patrol and issued instructions. Attacking party moved up left side of spur to point near bunker mentioned above. On reaching this posn chopping was heard on other side of spur and behind us. Investigations showed one Jap with hand axe 20 yds away with second Jap gathering fire wood 30 yds away. They were not armed. Patrol comd moved down spur to natives who had gone to investigate further. With Owen gunner covering patrol comd and native then moved to fire posn in bamboo. We then opened fire. Furthest Jap fell and did not move. Nearer Jap was shot through leg which was broken and he attempted to escape from bamboo, pursued by native. Native fired several more shots. Patrol Comd endeavoured to catch up but arrived to see native shoot Jap through the head. Investigations showed this Jap had been hit five times. Native and patrol comd then proceeded to other Jap shot by Patrol Comd. Body was found near two trees top of WP mentioned above as point of observation. This Jap had not moved and was dead. Examination revealed nothing except pair of spectacles worn by one Jap and a hand axe. Dress consisted of short sleeved shirt with two pockets, long trousers, no boots or head gear. Condition of clothing fair, frayed at edges. We then returned to original fire posn. While investigating bodies remainder of patrol threw grenades at nearest bunker. After observing for some time patrol returned to ambush position and withdrew.

- 3. ENEMY : Strength estimation difficult but believe maximum 10. Enemy killed were thin but not emaciated. Rifles only fired wildly among bamboo ~~xx~~ (2 to 3 ). Natives stated Govt Rest House in this posn. Believe this house still stands in original form.  
Deductions : Believe posn NOT held by regular troops but possibly by armed coolies. Do not believe there are any automatic weapons in the posn.

4. TIMINGS : Day 1 : From _____ To _____ March Time _____ Remarks _____

KEENAN'S  
to SISIVIE 1 hr  
SISIVIE TOKUA 2 hrs Scouting all way.  
Day 2 : TOKUA SISIVIE 50 mins

Time of action on 2nd day : 1115 hrs.

- 5. GENERAL REMARKS : Previous arty fire accurate with good coverage of posn. Cleared bamboo to large extent.

6. LIST OF APPENDICES :

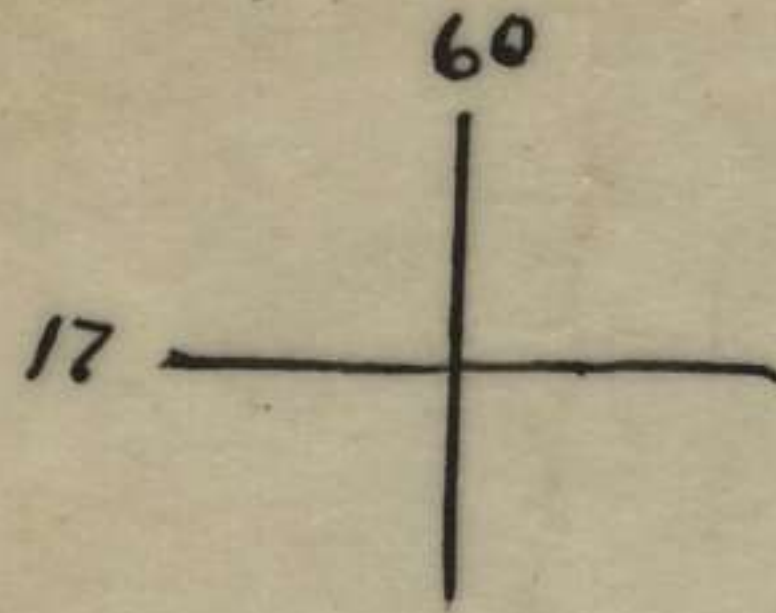
- Appendix A Overlay of route taken.
- " B Sketch of enemy area.

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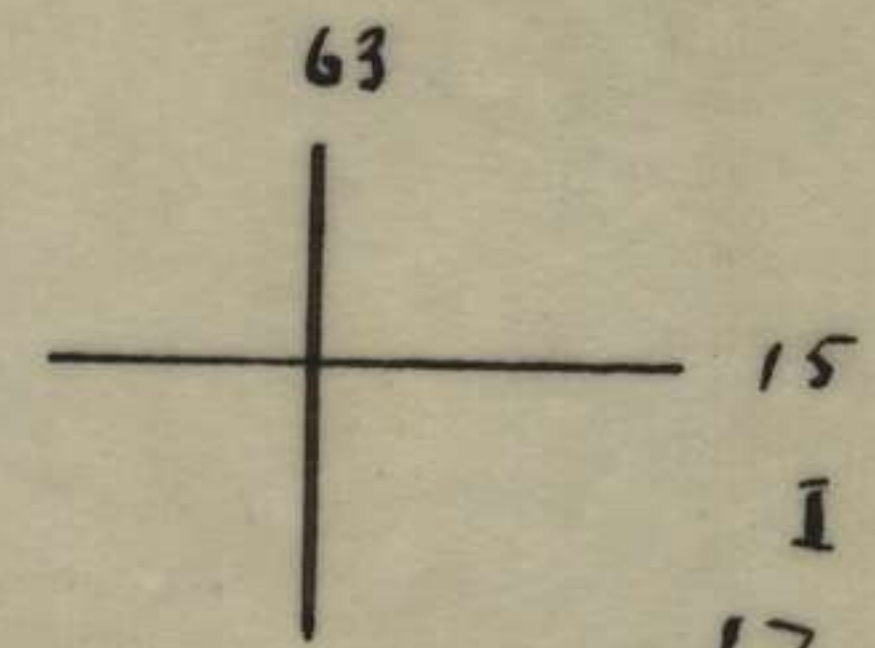
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OVERLAY SHOWING ROUTE  
TAKEN BY PATROL 7.

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OP. 3.

KEENAN'S



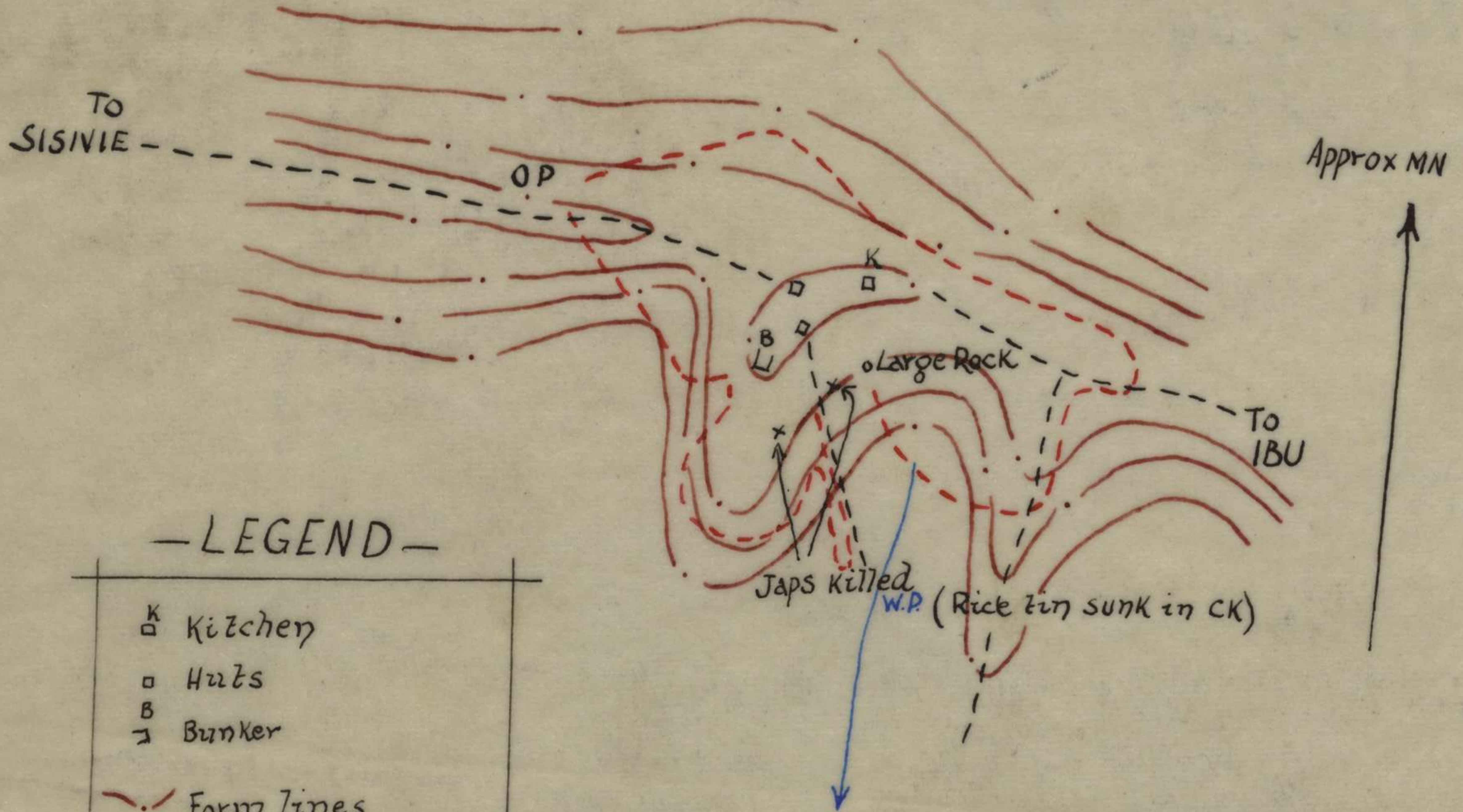
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# Sketch

## Showing Enemy Posps

### TOKUA 637176

APPX B



#### — LEGEND —

K	Kitchen
□	Huts
B	Bunker
—	Form lines
- - -	Route taken by Patrol from O.P.

SCALE  
1 inch to 100yds

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7AUST INF BN  
17 JUN 45

PLATOON...NO 9-PATROL REPORT...NO 8 - 7 AUST INF BN (AIF).CONFIDENTIAL

19 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO : 1:25000Patrol Comd : Lt McKENZIEPatrol By : 9 Pl "A" CoyPatrol Strength : 1 Offr 12 ORsRoute Out : SISIVIE along Govt Road as taken by previous patrol (No 7).Route In : Reverse of route out.Time Out : 0900 hrs 17 Jun 45. Time In : 1130 hrs 18 Jun 45.Object of patrol: (a) To recce enemy posn TOKUA.  
(b) To create casualties among the enemy.Briefed By : Patrol Comd.Casualties : Own : Nil Enemy : 3 killedPART I

Day 1 (A) Recce made of enemy posn during afternoon 17 Jun 45 by Patrol Comd and 3 ORs. Moved around right flank of enemy posn to Water Point. Bamboo pole used as guttering to run water into six gallon container - many bare footprints and one or two split toed sandal marks around water point. Moved around from water point to IBU track, 100 yds from enemy posn. Two bunkers sighted from here - one on extreme right of feature, one on left forward slopes of feature. Returned to water point. Booby traps set at water point, and on track ten yards above water point. Followed track to top of feature. Observed bunker with openings on all sides, 25 yards from where Water point track reaches top of feature. This appears to be the bunker seen on left of feature from IBU track. Returned to SISIVIE-TOKUA Track approx 100 yds from enemy posn. Moved forward to within 40 yds of enemy. Bunker observed on each side of track with a crawl trench in between. Four enemy observed. Recce patrol withdrew to bivouac area 1630 hrs 17 Jun 45. 1815 hrs 18 Jun one booby trap on water point heard to go off.

Day 2 (B) 0600 hrs 18 Jun Patrol Comd & 4 ORs moved forward to 30 yds from enemy posn and engaged enemy with rifle and OSMG fire. Enemy replied with erratic fire (rifle) for about 4 minutes. Own casualties : nil; enemy : 1 killed. 0645 hrs 18 Jun 45 second booby trap on water point set off. 0700 hrs patrol (1 NCO / 3 ORs) to water point, reported signs of two bodies being dragged through bush at side of track, and much blood, etc., around area. Considered two enemy killed. 0900 hrs enemy engaged with LMG and BY rifle fire for 20 mins. Enemy replied with heavy rifle fire and commenced to move out on both flanks of our patrol.

Patrol withdrew and returned to Base 614164 1130 hrs 18 Jun 45. Patrol to W.P. 18 Jun 45 report two small oval dioxies, filled with what was afterwards recognised as Easy Meal - a breakfast food. Many bamboo water containers were also left, when booby traps were sprung.

TIMINGS : 614164 to enemy posn carrying 20 lb load and scouting.... 90 minutes.

Sgd.....I McKENZIE Lt  
Patrol Commander

APPX 17 ^{W. Diary}

SBSIVIE AREA. PATROL REPORT NO 9 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)  
20 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

Patrol Comd : Lt L DONALD

Patrol By : 7 Pl A Coy

Patrol Strength : 1 Offr 14 ORs

Route Out : KEENANS River crossing 613154 through 9 Pl thence along Govt road as shown on map to TOKUA.

Route In : Reverse of route out.

Time Out : 190800L Time In : 191700L

Object of Patrol : Recce of enemy posn at TOKUA likely approaches and to inflict casualties on enemy if possible.

Briefed by : Patrol Comd.

Casualties : Enemy : 4 killed Own : Nil

Equipment and docs captured : 2 hand written documents...3 boxes wooden safety matches Pair of chopsticks in case. Docs and match box carton forwarded direct to Bde.

PART I.

Close recce of enemy posn was NOT possible due to surprise encounter with enemy party moving along IBU track toward TOKUA at 637177.

PART II.

1. Topographical : As per previous report No 7.

2. Action Own : Patrol reached posn at 637175 about 150 yds from Jap posn at 1115 hrs. Patrol Comd, Sjt SUTHERLAND and 6 ORs then turned off track in a NW direction with the intention of encircling enemy posn. Remainder of patrol were left with packs as an ambush party at 637175. At 1220 hrs patrol reached a posn approx 150 yds from Jap posn on IBU track at 637177. From here large native type shelter with well built bunker underneath were observed at TOKUA. Patrol comd and 2 ORs moved forward to make a closer recce of this posn while remainder of patrol under Sjt SUTHERLAND remained behind to give covering fire if necessary. At 1300 hrs 1 enemy armed with carbine and carrying pack was heard moving toward patrol along IBU track and toward TOKUA. He was fired on by two riflemen at approx 10 yds range and killed. Body was searched and certain docs, etc., found (see below). Approx 2 mins after this action 5 more enemy were observed walking along track in single file

Three of these were killed by rifle fire at approx range 20 yds. Remainder of enemy party then withdrew about 30 yds along track, dumped packs and gear and took up firing posns forward of patrol. Three or four shots were fired - apparently in an attempt to draw our fire.



One enemy was then heard to issue orders and sounds of movement were heard apparently made by small party attempting an outflanking movement. At 1320 hrs patrol comd and his party returned. Three grenades were then thrown at enemy still forward of patrol and enemy replied with rifle fire. At this stage at least three Japs were seen moving out from TOKUA at patrol's rear and patrol was forced to break contact. As patrol was pulling out, considerable rifle fire was directed towards them - some shots very close - but patrol was able to rejoin main body at 637175 at 1515 hrs.

3. Enemy: 7 enemy only observed but it is thought that more may have been following. Only weapons seen were rifles and carbine which was taken from forward scout. Only amm seen on forward scout were four rounds carried in leather pouch on side plus rounds in carbine. Enemy also carried packs with blanket rolled around the top and type of string bag on outside of pack. Square type mess dixies were carried on the belt. Dress consisted of shirt and long trousers of a dirty green colour but in good condition, long puttees reaching to below knees and feet covered with some hessian like material. No headgear was worn by forward scout but others appeared to be wearing caps. Scout was of average height of good physique and in good condition. Remainder appeared to be above average size and height. One cooking dixie similar to our oval type was seen by patrol. Three full boxes of wooden safety matches were taken from the scout. These boxes appeared to be new as neither the boxes or contents appeared to have been exposed to the weather. When found matches were damp and great difficulty was found in striking. Most of them useless unless dried out. Only enemy posn seen at TOKUA was large native type lean-to with new, strongly built bunker underneath covering IBU track. Smoke from kitchen could be seen behind this lean to.

4. Deductions: It is thought that enemy party were reinforcements either for TOKUA or some point along track to WEARNE'S HILL. Documents taken from scout may give indication as to their destination.

5. General Remarks and Observations: Although enemy party continued to move along in single file with rifle slung after forward scout had been killed, they reacted quickly when fired upon by acting as described above. Time and circumstances did not allow a more detailed search of scout's pack etc to be made; carbine taken from him was carried for some distance but was lost over side of feature while patrol was pulling out.

6. LIST OF APPENDICES: Appx "A" Overlay showing route taken by patrol.

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Patrol Commander.

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APPX 18

AS AT 2359 HRS 19 JUN 45

20 Jun 45

Ref Maps : IBU - 1:25000  
 KOWARO - 1:25000  
 TOROKINA - 1:63360

Serial	Arm of Service	War Off Serial No	Unit	Ref Map T	Location	Remarks
1	Inf	46175	Bn HQ (Fwd) 7 Aust Inf Bn	KOWARO	684149	Plus Det 23 Bde Sig Sec Plus Det P Aust FS Sec Pl 1
2	Inf	"	" (Rear) "	" x	659090	
3	"	"	Bn LOB Area	TOROKINA	577954	
4	"	"	HQ Coy HQs	KOWARO	684151	
5	"	"	2 Pl less 1 sub sec	"	684151	
6	"	"	3 Pl less 2 dets	"	684150	Plus Det 109 Wkaps
7	"	"	4 Pl	"	659090	
8	"	"	5 Pl	"	684150	
9	"	"	6 Pl Tpt	"	663100	
10	"	"	6 Pl "Q"	"	659090	
11	"	"	A Coy HQs and 8 Pl	"	681137	
12	"	"	7 Pl	"	605146	Plus Det 3 Pl
13	"	"	A Coy 9 Pl	"	614163	
14	"	"	B Coy	IBU	697245	
15	"	"	C Coy HQs	KOWARO	685126	

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Serial	Arm of Service	War Off Serial No	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks.
16	Inf	46175	14 Pl	KOWARO	686124	
17	Inf	"	15 Pl	"	685128	
18	"	"	18 Pl	"	692161	Moving to 685128 20 Jun 45
19	"	"	D Coy HQs and 17 Pl	"	694164	Plus 1 Det 3 Pl " 1 Sub Sec MMG
20	"	"	16 Pl	"	677129	Mov to 692161
21	"	"	18 Pl	"	694165	
22	"	"	B Coy 1 PIB	"	683143	
23	"	"	3 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mor Coy	"	684151	
24	AFty	45203	10 Bty 4 Aust Fd Regt	"	657095	To come TOROKINA on completion of move 2 Aust Mtn Bty
25	Engr	46157	Det 23 Aust Fd Coy	"	685121	
26	Sigs	49275	Det 23 Bde Sig Sec	"	684149	
27	S T	49446	Det 243 Aust Sup Dep Pl	"	659090	
28	Med	45969	8 Aust Fd Amb B Coy	"	681137	
29	Dental	45384	A Sec 82 Aust Dental Unit	"	659090	
30	Pro	49492	Det 14 Aust Indep Pro Pl	"	659090	
31	Misc		Fwd ANGAU ANGAU Labour	"	673112 681134	
32	"		B Det 7 Aust Pigeon Sec	"	684151	

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22 Jun 45.

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000Patrol Comd : Lt C F CAMERON.Patrol By : 3 Pl "A" CoyPatrol Strength : 1 Offr 7 ORs  
3 Fd Amb : 1 Offr 1 OR.  
2 native scouts ( WILLI SILLI)Route Out : From map ref 677128 via RYDERS HILL to map,ref 637166.Route in : Reverse of route out.Time Out : 200900 L Time In : 211335L.Object of Patrol : (a) To recce area vicinity 637166 and locate suitable Pl base.  
(b) To report on track to 637166 via RYDER'S HILL.Briefed By : I.O.Casualties : Own : Nil Enemy : NilPART I

Patrol proceeded to Map Ref 637166 and selected tentative posn at 637165. Track was easily followed, slippery and steep in places, and would require maintenance in event of heavy carrier traffic.

PART II

1. Topographical (a) Tracks : clearly defined, slippery and difficult when wet. From start point to map ref 660139 undulating and from there to 637166 grades very steep in places 1 in 1. (See track going map).

(b) Watercourses : Water Point at approx 663137 25 yds on south of track. Bamboo containing water in vicinity 644158 and 638165. First creek crossing at 642164 shallow 8 to 10 yds wide flowing fast. To north of objective small ck 1 to 2 ft wide crossed at 636167. WAKUNAI RIVER at 636169 1 to 2 ft deep 10 to 15 yds wide flowing fast. Easily fordable.

(c) Vegetation : Along track all timber and secondary growth. Thick bamboo in places.

(d) OPs : Good OP overlooking TOKUA at 637166.

(e) Villages, Huts, Gardens : No villages; 3 disused huts at 637166; gardens : small garden at 637166.

(f) Natives : 1 native met at 637164 on return journey. Well known to native scout.

(g) Suitable bivouac posns : Att ck 642164 suitable for Pl. At 637165 suitable Pl base but water 20 mins carry at minimum.

(h) Reliability of Map : Features accurate. Tracks inaccurate from 642164 onwards.

2. ACTION : General Narrative :

Day 1 : Proceeded to OP at 637166. 1 Offr 2 ORs 1 native scout proceeded down spur to WAKUNAI RIVER at 636169. Returned to OP.

Day 2 : Returned to Camp : Asked native scout if he knew of alternative route to north of RYDER'S HILL. He said he did and patrol proceeded east for short distance, then swung SOUTH. Struck route out after 20 minutes march.

3. TIMINGS OUT :

From	677128	to	659139	1 hr	20 mins
"	659139	to	651145		20 mins
"	651145	to	642164	1 "	30 "
"	642164	to	637166	1 "	30 "
"	637166	to	636169	1 "	30 "

IN :

From	637166	to	642164	1 hr	15 mins
"	642164	to	651145	1 "	30 "
"	651145	to	662147	2 hrs	
"	662147	to	677128	1 hr	

4. GENERAL REMARKS : Native scout stated he did not know of any track from SISIVIE to OP 637166 except via TOKUA. He also stated that he did not know of any alternative route to North of RYDER'S HILL.

5. APPENDIX : Track going map of route.

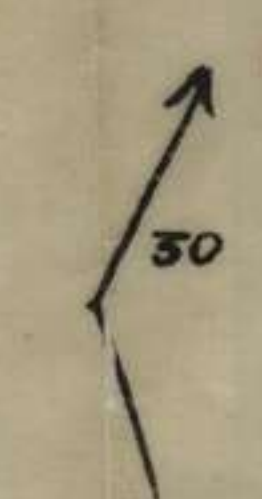
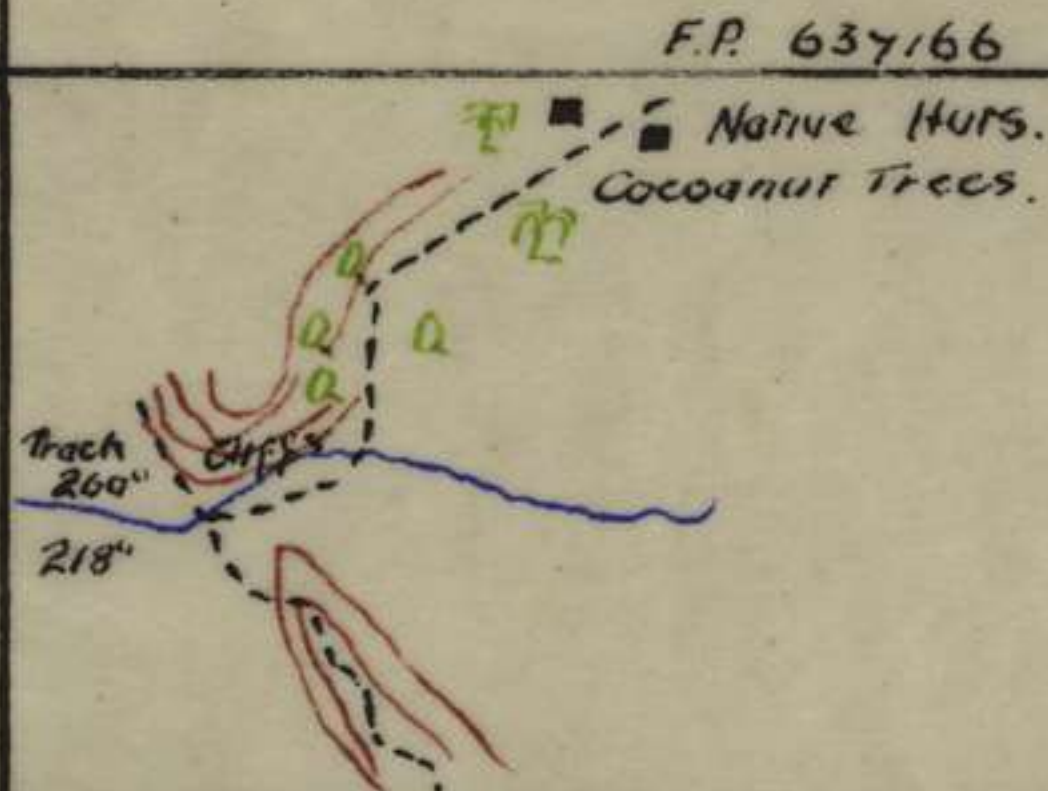
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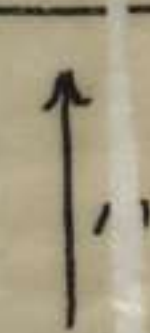
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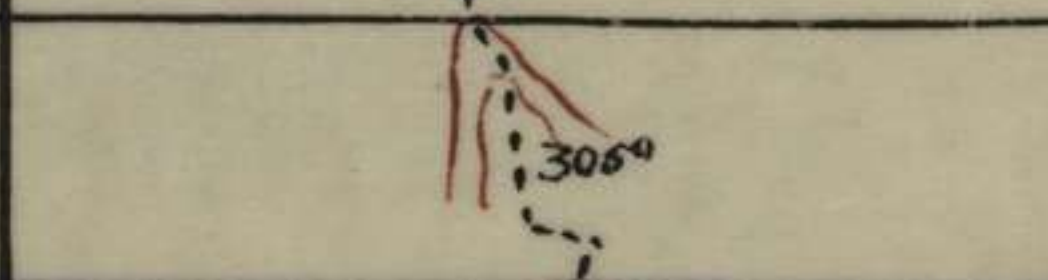
Along Spur to 2 native huts, 2  
coconut palms numerous pom-poms  
Heavy Secondary growth up  
Spur then round side of hill.  
Up steep slope to top of hill.  
Across creek up gully 45°  
slope. Bad surface  
Track on right hand of ck.  
Cliff on left hand side  
Down spur to ck  
simple good water



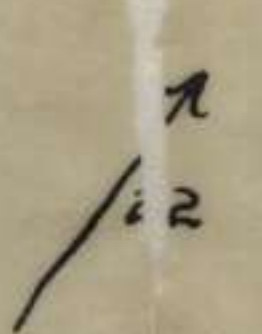
Spur 40' wide 45° down grade  
Track poor, up grade 20° slope  
along Saddle 3-10' wide  
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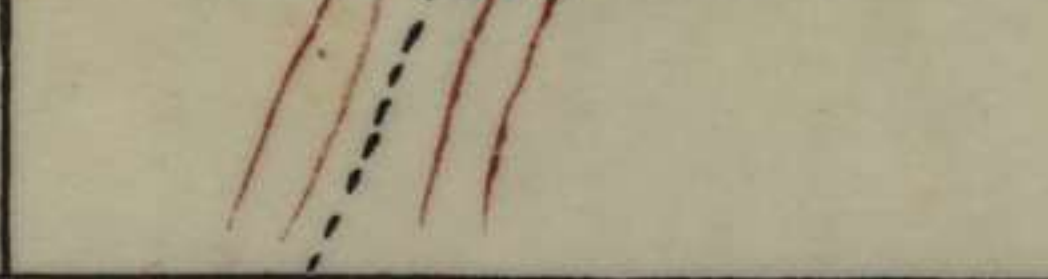
Ridge level 7mins then gradual  
down grade 6mins 3-10' wide



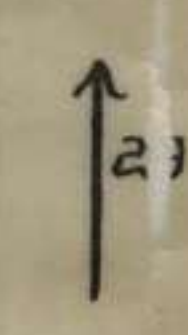
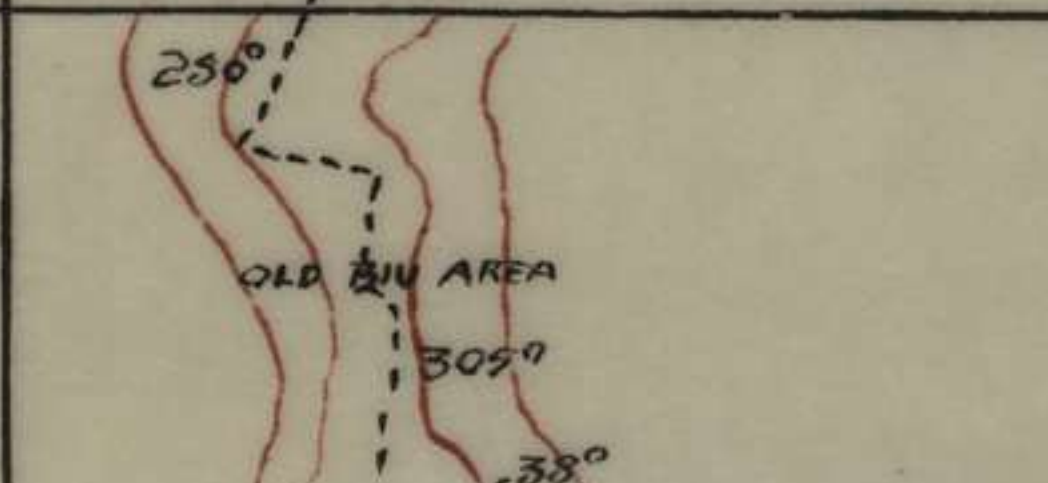
Up side of gully 50°-60°  
Surface clayey + slippery  
Follows Ridge to crest.



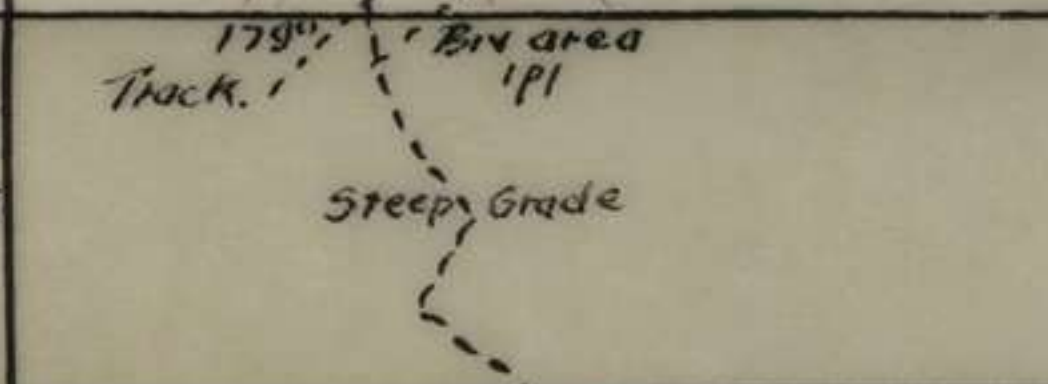
Up Gully over fallen timber  
on Track.  
Very rough going 45° slope.



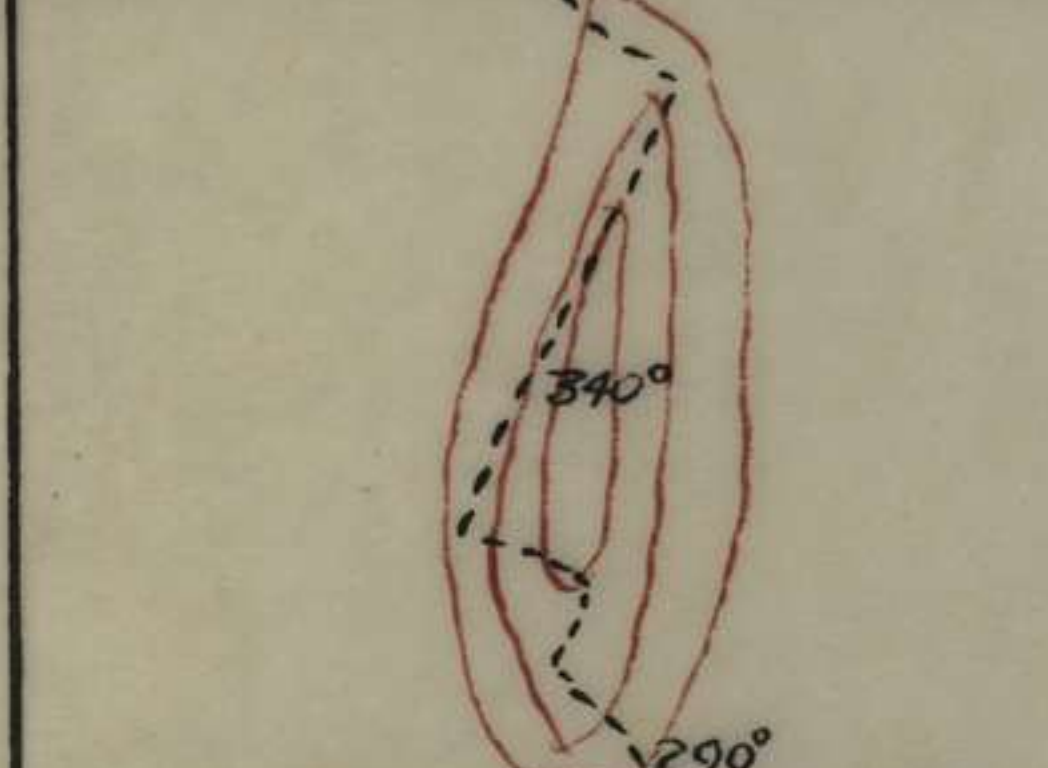
Up Spur 1-1 grade, along ridge  
6-10' wide  
Steep down grade 5mins  
Old Biv Area 1PI 4mins up  
grade  
5mins down grade then  
across saddle 2' wide



Old Biv area 1PI  
Track probably leads to v.p.  
Not reced - Spur 20'-40'  
Track not jeepable after this pt.  
Saddles are too narrow  
Grades in parts too steep

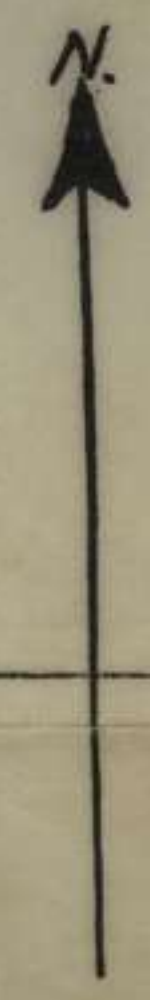
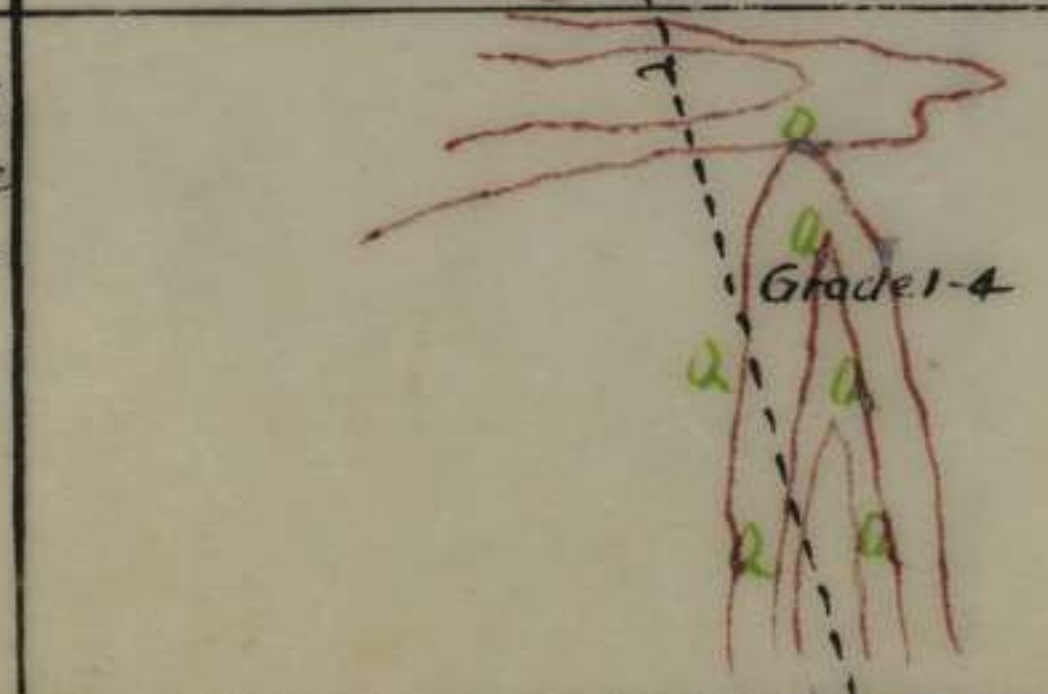


Undulating spur slopes  
gradual  
On spur gradual down  
grade



Along undulating spur

Track follows spur then goes  
along Western side about 2040  
down crosses re-entrant, grade  
up & down approx 1-4 swings  
again to top  
Thick Timber, scrub, Bamboo  
along whole of Track.  
Good air cover



Secondary growth  
Track surface fair, jeepable  
follows spur.  
Gradually falling



APPX 20 ^{W. M. M. M.}

"B" COY PAPUAN INF BN PATROL REPORT NO 4

HQ CONFIDENTIAL  
25 Jun 45

Ref Map : KOWARO 1:25000

Patrol By : 6 Pl. Patrol Strength : 3 Europeans 35 natives.

Patrol Comd : Lt DAVIES.

Time out : 190745L Time In : 251230L.

Route Out : From 682143 to 684150 to Base Point 3 along track to MAPIA 742162.

Route In Reverse route out.

Object of Patrol : (i) Recce reported Jap L of C as shown on captured map.  
(ii) Recce NUMA NUMA Trail and report whether trail is being used.  
(iii) If possible, ambush enemy.

Equipment and Documents captured: 3 water bottles, 2 grenades, 1 Rifle, Old clothing - all equipment destroyed.

Casualties : Own : Nil. Enemy : 3 Killed 1 Wounded.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL : As per previous reports.

2. ACTION : Day 1 : 0745L left HUNT'S arrived MAPIA 1300L.  
Day 2 : Firm base at 738158. Relieved 8 Pl at 0730L - 8 Pl departed 0800L for HUNT'S HILL. Prepared camp and recce around area.  
Day 3 : 0800L Patrol to 745168 0930L. One guard sighted on track. Guard later moved along NUMA NUMA track to 721168. Patrol followed guard, who was wearing boots. At 721168 - 5 enemy were observed digging posns. Enemy posn consisted of 2 pill boxes, 2 trenches, and 3 lean to's. At 1215L enemy were engaged - 1 enemy killed 2 wounded. Own casualties : Nil. One of the wounded was seen to fall over the side of a steep slope, and was later observed lying very still some distance down the slope. As this wounded enemy has been confirmed killed - cas now 2 Killed 1 Wounded. Returned firm base 1630L.  
Day 4 : Remain firm base. 0830L 1 sec patrolled to 749162, native village 3 huts 15 natives who were very friendly. Patrol returned 1300L.  
Day 5 : 0800L. Raining. Patrol set out to locate and recce reported Jap L of C at 724183. Rain made track very slippery and the going very slow. Reached 727172. Found footprints at least 2 days old. Also 2 Australian 36 grenades and sago palm cut down with centre removed - apparently for food. Patrol returned 1530L.



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Day 6 : 0830. 2 sections to 742169. Laid ambush for three hours..NO results. Returned 1700L. 0830L sma patrol of 4 to 749168. 3 enemy sighted digging for food. Enemy engaged. Casualties : Enemy : 1 killed; Own : Nil. Returned firm base 1845L.

Day 7 : 0845L. Departed for HUNT'S HILL.

APPENDIX : Overlay showing main ops of patrol. No.

*overlay of route taken as per previous reports.*

SIGNED.....LT. DAVIES.  
Patrol Commander.

APPX 21  
~~Acorn~~

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS PART I

by

LT-COL H L E DUNKLEY, MC, CO 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

29 Jun 45

96. AMF PRISONERS OF WAR AND INTERNES, ETC (GRO 157 of 15 Jun 45)

1. For the purposes of the order, a "recovered prisoner of war" means any member of the AMF who has been captured, detained or interned by the enemy and has subsequently been repatriated, exchanged or in any other way released, and include escapees.

Duty to avoid capture :-

2. Every member of the AMF will, at all costs, endeavour to avoid falling into enemy hands. If, however, a member is taken prisoner, he will obey the directions given in this order which are applicable to all ranks at all times and under all circumstances.

Duty during interrogation by the enemy :-

3. During interrogation, a member will supply his number, rank and name only. He will remain courteous and maintain a military bearing, indicating that the obligations of any soldier preclude his answering any other questions.

Indirect methods of obtaining information :-

4. Every prisoner of war will, at all times, be on guard against carelessness, over-confidence and enemy trickery. Such ruses as the use of agents as nurses or of other agents as bogus Red Cross officials or prisoners of war will always be expected. Even in conversation with known and trusted friends extreme caution will be shown, as the conversation may be overheard by eavesdroppers or concealed listening devices.

Broadcasts over enemy wireless and enemy propaganda:-

5. A member of the AMF who becomes a prisoner of war will not transmit messages over enemy wireless, except simple messages of the type permitted in correspondence: for example, messages relating to the health of the prisoner of war himself and greetings to family and friends. He will not in any way lend himself to enemy propaganda by taking part in wireless broadcasts (other than for the purpose of transmitting a message of the type described above) or in any other way whatsoever.

Parole :-

6. (a) A member of the AMF when taken prisoner of war or interned by an enemy or neutral power will not give his parole, except a parole of the limited nature described in para 7 of this order.

(b) The term "parole" means an undertaking to escape given in any form whatever or however described.

7. (a) Parole may properly be given to obtain temporary release from confinement for a few hours on odd occasions for specific purposes: e.g. exercise, recreation or medical treatment. Parole so given will be clearly limited to the period of temporary release.

(b) Parole in respect of a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or other rank can be given only through a commissioned officer.

(c) The terms of any parole given will be observed with the greatest strictness for the period for which it is given.

Escape :-

8. It is the duty of every Australian prisoner of war and internee to escape at the first opportunity, regardless of any instructions to the contrary issued by or in any prisoner of war or internment camp or by the detaining power and regardless of any reprisals which might be taken against the remaining prisoners of war and internees.

9. (a) Except as provided in paras 10, 11 and 12 of this order, a recovered PW will not give any information in conversation, correspondence, or in any other way whatever to any person regarding the escape of himself or any other person from detention or internment, or the means whereby he or any other person avoided capture by the enemy.

(b) Such information would be useful to the enemy, would prejudice the chances of others in similar circumstances to escape and would endanger the lives of those who have given help at any stage.

(c) As soon as possible after recovery, every recovered PW will sign an undertaking in the form set out in para 13 of this order. The officer responsible for the interrogation mentioned in para 10 (a) of this order will ensure that this is done and will forward the signed undertaking to the nearest 2nd Echelon component for despatch to the home Records Office of the member where it will be filed in that member's personal dossier.

Interrogation :-

10. (a) A recovered PW will disclose all details of his escape, evasion of capture, release or recovery to interrogation officers authorised by the Director of Military Intelligence (DMI).

(b) The officers authorised by the DMI are --

- (i) Any GSO, Grade I, on army or higher formation HQ.
- (ii) Any GSO not below Grade II on corps or div HQ.
- (iii) GSO, Grade III (Intelligence), on div HQ.
- (iv) Any officers designated by the abovementioned general staff officers.

(c) Subsequent to interrogation pursuant to para 10(a) of this order, the Director of Prisoners of War and Internees or, in his absence, the senior "A" Branch Officer on the spot acting on his behalf, is authorised to interrogate on any matter other than those referred to in para 10 (a) of this order.

(d) No member other than one of the officers listed in para 10(b) of this order will question any recovered PW on any matter referred to in para 10(a) of this order. Nothing in this paragraph will, however, preclude any officer who is required in the course of his duty so to do from interrogating a recovered PW for information relating to missing and prisoner of war personnel and to the locations of any known burials.

(e) The interrogation procedure will conform to HQ Intelligence Instruction No 22 dated 15th June, 1945.

Lectures :-

11.(a) If a recovered PW desires to lecture on his experiences, he will not disclose any information about his own escape, evasion of capture, release or recovery, or that of any other person, unless the script of the proposed lecture is first approved by the DMI or his representative.

(b) A recovered PW may, however, lecture on personal matters connected with his detention or internment to War Relatives' Association and the like, but must exercise the greatest care to ensure that his lecture does not disclose any information which could be useful to the enemy, would prejudice the chances of other prisoners of war escaping or would endanger the lives of those who helped the lecturer at any stage during his escape.

(c) If it is considered desirable for service reasons that a recovered PW should lecture on the means employed by him in his escape, the decision as to the desirability will be made by the Director of Military Training or his representative and the text of the proposed lecture will be delivered to the DMI or his representative for approval and censorship.

Interviews with the Press :-

12. A recovered PW will not give an interview to any broadcasting station or newspaper correspondent or representative, until such time as the interrogations provided for under para 10 of this order are completed and unless such interview is conducted in the presence of a representative of the Director-General of Public Relations. Similarly, a recovered PW will not submit for publication or broadcasting any article, letter or account dealing with his experiences unless it is first approved by a representative of the Director-General of Public Relations.

Form of undertaking :-

13. The form referred to in para 9(c) of this order is as follows:-

"I have read and understand the provisions of GRC 157/45 and I undertake to obey the instructions contained therein in all respects. I understand that any breach will render me liable to disciplinary action.

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Signature.....

Witness.....

(To be witnessed by a commissioned Officer)

Number.....

Rank.....

Name in Full.....

Unit.....

97. RNZAF PICTURE  
THEATRE (2 Aust  
Corps RO A146 of  
16 Jun 45)

(a) Owing to limited accommodation it has been found necessary to limit the attendance at RNZAF Theatre.

(b) Personnel other than members of RNZAF will not be admitted to the theatre before 1900 hrs.

98. LEAVE AND TRANSIT  
DEPOTS (GRO Amendment  
of 15 Jun 45)

1. A member proceeding on leave (except when released on local leave or to a leave destination in the vicinity of his unit location) will carry messing gear, water bottle and blankets and such articles of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment on issue to him (except arms, ammunition, helmet (steel) and respirator) as are required to meet his needs under the climatic or other conditions likely to be encountered.

2. A member proceeding on leave will not carry arms, helmet (steel) or respirator, except in the following circumstances -

- (a) If the member will not return to the unit after leave (e.g. personnel of units being disbanded are in some cases granted leave and are required to report to another unit on completion of leave).
- (b) If the member is granted leave during movement of his unit.
- (c) If the member is granted leave on completion of which he will report to another unit on transfer or for attachment.
- (d) If the member is granted leave from a school or course which he has been attending and will not return to the school or course on completion of the leave.
- (e) If adequate arrangements for safeguarding the member's arms, helmet (steel) and respirator cannot be made in accordance with para 4.
- (f) If, for any other reason, the member's CO or the officer commanding the unit responsible for the administration considers it essential.

3. A member proceeding on leave will not carry ammunition except when required to carry out a specific military duty for which ammunition is allotted. Such ammunition will be withdrawn from the member immediately the specific duty is completed.

4. (a) A unit will arrange to store items of clothing, necessaries and personal equipment not taken by a member proceeding on leave. A record of all items lodged will be maintained by the unit in AAB 71 or other suitable record.

5. (a) A member proceeding on leave with his arms, helmet (steel) or respirator, in accordance with this order, will deposit them for safe custody at the Aust Army cloakroom attached to the last LTD or staging camp through which he passes before proceeding on leave.

(b) Deposits will be accepted by Aust Army cloakrooms for the duration of the member's leave only, and will be collected by him before commencing the journey to the next place of reporting.

(c) Aust Army Cloakrooms, under the control of Aust Kit Stores, are located at or adjacent to central railway stations in all capital cities in Australia (except Hobart) and proper facilities for the security of arms and equipment are provided

therein. Similar facilities will shortly be available at certain LTDs and RR & GDDs.

- (d) Arms and equipment will not be taken to the home of a member when their deposit at an Aust Army cloakroom is practicable.
- (e) Arms and equipment will not be deposited by a member in a cloakroom other than an Aust Army cloakroom, nor will they be left unattended in a hotel, restaurant, cafe or similar place.

99. TAXATION  
(ORO 154 of 8  
Jun 45)

A member on full-time military duty, the total of whose military and private income exceeds during the year ending 30th June 1945, must lodge an income tax return with the Deputy Commissioner for Taxation in the State in which the member enlisted. Such return need not be lodged by a member serving outside Australia unless his private income earned in Australia exceeds £250.

*[Signature]* Lt.  
Asst/Adjt 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

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(adapted.)

Unit.....7 AUST INF BN (AIF)..... Date and Time.—From.....1 July 45..... To.....31 July 45.....

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
			The SEVENTH AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION (AIF) is the NORTH	
			WEST MURRAY BORDERERS REGIMENT, with its Headquarters in	
			peacetime at MILDURA VIC. It is commanded by Lt col H.L.E.	
			DUNKLEY MC, and its chief officers are -	
			2 i/c Major C. JONES                      Adjutant Capt G.W. DAVIDSON	
			I.O. Lt. D.M.W EDWARDS              Sig O. Lt K.E. DELLER	
			Coy Commanders -	
			HQ Coy - Capt L.N. MacKINNON              A Coy - Major K. BLABY	
			B Coy - Capt W.O. McINNES              C Coy - Capt W.O. CAMERON	
			D Coy - Capt R. ROBERTS.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1000L 1 Jul 45 To 1300L 3 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CENTRE HILL	1 Jul 45	1000L	KEOPILI, native scout, led D Coy patrol around left flank and cut enemy L of C in rear of CENTRE HILL. Movement was observed on the enemy position. Artillery, mortars and MMG harassed the position during the day.	
CHARLIE CREEK NASISIPOK		1200L 1200L 1700L	7 Pl PIB arrived to come under command of D Coy. 6 Pl PIB returned to HUNTS HILL from Firm base CHARLIE CREEK Native scouts report that the Nips have moved SOUTH of IBU and are digging in at NASISIPOK square 6221.	
CENTRE HILL	2 Jul	1200L	D Coy ambush party on Jap L of C NORTH of CENTRE HILL killed a Nip Sergeant Major. Capt ROBERTS and KEOPILI were waiting to capture the Nip but the Bren gunner became a bit anxious and shot him. Some documents were captured. A PIB patrol to the NORTH of the ambush position located and engaged a further enemy position 100 yards along the track, killing 4 and probably killing another.	
BERRYS HILL		1100L	Artillery and mortars harassed the position throughout the day. Word was received that 16 L of C Concert Party would be visiting this area for 3 days from 3 July. Arrangements being made for the concert to be held in as many areas as possible.	
TOKUA WAKUNAI		1830L 0950L	8 Pl patrol returned from a recce of TOKUA A patrol from B Coy to recover the body of the native killed in the attack on our patrol base 28 Jun could not cross the river due to rains so returned to the Coy perimeter.	
CENTRE HILL	3 Jul	1030L 1300L	Artillery harassed the enemy position throughout night 2/3 Jul. 12 Corsairs bombed and strafed the enemy position. Following artillery and mortar fire 17 Pl patrolled towards the enemy position from the rear and encountered heavy fire from bunkers covering the track. 2 enemy were killed. Relief of D Coy by C Coy commenced. 14 Pl relieved 18 Pl. Commanding Officer addressed 14 Pl on their way through BERRYS HILL congratulating them on their previous action, and wishing them luck in future operations.	



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Unit..... 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1300L 3 Jul 45 To 1200L 7 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
TOKUA	3 Jul 45	1300L	8 Pl patrol found enemy had abandoned their position at TOKUA. Some documents were found. Later 8 Pl occupied the position which will be used as a base for future operations NORTH towards IBU.	
CENTRE HILL WAKUNAI	4 Jul	1200L 1530L	C Coy HQ and 15 Pl relieved D Coy HQ and 17 Pl. A patrol commanded by Capt BARLEE en route to locate the native body at 738294 killed one Nip sunbathing at 728284. Pro-Jap KANAKAS wearing red lap lapp were in SADDLE MOUNT area and enemy movement was heard. Investigation was not continued and patrol returned to Coy base.	
BERRYS HILL CENTRE HILL	5 Jul	1200L 1200L	A Concert held on BERRYS HILL was enjoyed by all. Relief of D Coy by C Coy completed. 13 Pl relieved 16 Pl. A PIB patrol located enemy estimated strength 40 digging in	Appendix 1 CO's On Ops.
CENTRE HILL	6 Jul		at 694182. On return of patrol, artillery engaged the position. Artillery harassed enemy position on CENTRE HILL during night 5/6 July.	
		1600L	At last CENTRE HILL is clear of enemy. KEOPILI and his old mate Capt CAMERON stalked up from the ambush position NORTH of CENTRE HILL and took the enemy position unopposed. The enemy had withdrawn during the night. The position was well sited and very extensive and a JUKI had been used from one bunker. 14 Pl moved forward and consolidated 100 yds NORTH of CENTRE HILL.	
		1630L	A PIB patrol returned from 694182 where 2 enemy sentries were killed.	
TOKUA WAKUNAI		1630L 1700L	An 8 Pl patrol reported that the IBU track to 646195 was clear. A patrol to river junction 725265 reported no movement seen.	
NORTH HILL	7 Jul	1200L	15 Pl patrol engaged enemy estimated strength 5, armed with rifles and grenade discharger on NORTH HILL. Enemy forced to withdraw and later 15 Pl occupied the position. Investigation of CENTRE HILL revealed 5 enemy bodies, 6 rifles	

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(adapted.)

Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF)

Date and Time.—From 1200L 7 Jul 45 To 1200L 10 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NORTH HILL WAKUNAI	7 Jul 45	1200L 1600L	and one OSMG were captured. B Coy security patrol NORTH of Coy perimeter to 717260 reported no movement seen.	
NORTH HILL	8 Jul 45	1330L	A 15 Pl patrol 300 yards forward of their position contacted enemy strength unknown. Casualties enemy 1 killed. Own NIL. Artillery and mortars were brought down on the position when the patrol returned. Medical Officer reported that one body found on CENTRE HILL had flesh cut off each leg indicating cannibalism.	
NORTH HILL	9 Jul 45		Artillery harassed enemy position 694181 throughout night 8/9 July.	
		1030L	14 Pl patrolled forward along ridge to 694181, contacted enemy estimated strength 5 - 6 in defensive position. Enemy casualties 1 killed, 1 probably killed. Own casualties 1 killed 1 wounded. Patrol withdrew to allow artillery to engage position. Battle casualties - Killed in action - VX134973 Pte HATELEY L.B. Wounded in action - VX66771 Pte FIMISTER C.	
TOKUA		1400L	A patrol commanded by Lt McPHEE returned after having ambushed 8 enemy in the gardens at NASISIPOK. 5 enemy were killed, 1 probably killed. Own casualties NIL. Patrol reports HURAVO clear of enemy and Kanakas assisting our troops.	
NORTH HILL	10 Jul		Artillery harassed enemy position 694181 during night 9/10 Jul.	
		1200L	14 Pl patrol forward along ridge encountered heavy opposition from enemy estimated strength 12 - 15 at 694181. 13 Pl with 1 Vickers moved to spur on LEFT flank from where enemy position was harassed. Later patrols withdrew to allow position to be engaged by artillery and mortars.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1200L 10 Jul 45 To 1630L 11 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NORTH HILL	10 Jul 45	1200L	Casualties - Enemy 2 killed 2 probably killed. Own 1 killed, 1 wounded. Battle casualties - Killed in action - VX132944 Pte CLARKE A.T. Wounded in action - VX89418 Pte KEOGH R.A.	
		1500L	A PIB patrol located another enemy position 100 yards NORTH of 694181. They first reported this position to be unoccupied, but further patrolling found the position very extensive and the main enemy position on NORTH HILL. Relief of Capt HUNT OG B Coy PIB requested.	
NORTH HILL BERRYS HILL	11 Jul	0800L	Artillery harassed enemy position on NORTH HILL night 10/11 Jul. Commanding Officer's message to all Coys "A Coy to be relieved by D Coy by 161200L, B Coy will be relieved by A Coy by 231200L. Recce parties and exchange of accommodation stores by mutual arrangement."	
NORTH HILL		1400L	Aggressive patrolling against enemy position throughout day. A 13 PI patrol to front of enemy position were fired on by approximately 6 rifles. 15 PI and PIB patrol to rear of enemy encountered heavy opposition from enemy main position from distance of 10 yards. Total casualties inflicted by patrols for the day - Enemy 3 killed, 2 probably killed Own - Nil.	
		1630L	Artillery and mortars and MMG harassed enemy throughout day. Bombing and strafing of NORTH HILL requested for 13 Jul.	
TOKUA WAKUNAI		1330L 1600L	9 PI arrived TOKUA from SISIVIE. 2 patrols ambushing IBU-BURITSIOTORARA-PIPIPAIA track reported no movement on track during day, NORTH and SOUTH of BURITSIOTORARA.	
BERRYS HILL		0800L	Major JONES left BERRYS HILL for 23 Aust Inf Bde HQ at SORAKEN.	

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Unit 7 AUSTRALIAN INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0800L 12 Jul 45 To 1100L 13 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NORTH HILL	12 Jul 45		Patrols during day obtained topographical information of NORTH HILL prior to following in after air strike 13 Jul. A good approach onto main enemy position from LEFT flank was located. One 13 Pl patrol cutting track between 2 enemy positions observed 2-3 Nips digging in the main position.	
		1500L	Information from GII AIR received that air strike on NORTH HILL has been arranged for 13 Jul.	
TOKUA		0800L	9 Pl patrol departed TOKUA for NASISIPOK area to harass enemy for 3 days.	
<del>WAKUNAI</del>		1130L	2 patrols operating on enemy L of C returned. No movement was seen.	
		1200L	2 Aust Corps rang giving further information re 81st Regiment flag ceremony. Lt DONALD's patrol had previously captured documents which mentioned the flag ceremony to be held on 14 Jul. Usually Nips have ceremonial parade followed by a feast.	
NORTH HILL	13 Jul		Artillery harassed enemy position NORTH HILL during night 12/13 Jul.	
		0730L	C Coy patrol investigated forward enemy position on NORTH HILL prior to air strike.	Appx 2 CO's report on Ops.
		0830L	Corsairs appeared 3 hours early causing patrol to make a hurried return to the Coy area. The patrol reported that the first enemy position had been vacated, 5 bodies being found. Artillery smoke indication was switched to the main enemy position.	
		0900L	Corsairs bombed and strafed the position.	
		0930L	Artillery engaged the position.	
		1000L	13 Pl moved forward to first enemy position to give support fire to 15 Pl who attacked main position from LEFT flank.	
		1100L	15 Pl successfully attacked enemy position, driving out those not killed, after a heavy fire fight. Casualties - Enemy 7 killed. Own - 2 slightly wounded.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1100L 13 Jul 45 To 1600L 14 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NORTH HILL	13 Jul 45	1100L 1300L  1600L	Documents and equipment were captured. 15 Pl patrolled 250 yards forward of captured position, encountering enemy at approx 694186. Casualties - enemy - 2 killed. Own - Nil. A PIB Patrol to rear of enemy position 694186 killed 1 enemy. C Coy moved forward to new captured position and consolidated. 7 Pl PIB relieved 6 Pl PIB at C Coy 694174. Disposition of the Coy now is - C Coy less 14 and 15 Pls 694181 14 Pl 694182 15 Pl 694180	
TOKUA BERRYS HILL		1200L	16 Pl D Coy departed BAKERS BROW to relieve 8 Pl at TOKUA. Lt-col ELLIOTT-SMITH CO 1 PIB visited Commanding Officer re Capt HUNT's relief. CCRA Brigadier CHALMERS visited unit.	
NORTH HILL	14 Jul	1200L	Artillery harassed enemy positions NORTH HILL night 13/14 Jul. C Coy patrols forward along NORTH HILL <del>and</del> found ridge clear. They reported enemy on feature 150 yards forward, later known as CAMERON'S HILL named after Capt CAMERON, C Coy commander. Observation post established and enemy harassed from end of ridge. Whilst ^{on} reconnaissance for position from which grenade discharger could be used from right flank native scout KEOPILI was killed. KEOPILI and brother SUPILI had given excellent service during operations along WEARNES HILL - NORTH HILL ridge, and they had become part of the Companies to which they were attached. Casualties enemy - 1 probably killed.	Appx 3 Army Form 3008 and 3009
TOKUA		1200L	9 Pl patrol returned. 120605L patrol engaged Jap position NASISIPOK estimated to be held by 5 - 6 enemy with LMG. Casualties enemy - 2 killed.	
NORTH HILL		1600L	PIB patrol to right flank reached creek crossing 696190. 2 sections crossed creek and were fired on by party of Japs.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1600L 14 Jul 45 To 1600L 17 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
NORTH HILL	14 Jul 45	1600L	Enemy were then engaged. Casualties enemy - 4 killed. Own 1 slightly wounded.	
WAKUNAI		1600L	Natives report enemy in KUKUWABI area square 6826-believed to be moving from IBU-BURITSIOTORARA to gather food in gardens. Natives had killed 1 enemy in this area	
WAKUNAI	15 Jul	1200L	Relief of B Coy by A Coy commenced. 7 Pl relieved 12 Pl. during day.	
CAMERON'S HILL		1600L	C Coy patrols reconnoitred CAMERONS HILL during day for topographical information. Enemy snipers active.	
SMITHS HILL CAMERONS HILL	16 Jul	1400L	9 Pl arrived SMITHS HILL from TOKUA. Artillery harassed enemy position CAMERON'S HILL night 15/16 Jul.	
		1530L	C Coy patrols reconnoitred CAMERONS HILL and found feature to consist of V shape spurs. Movement observed on feature. Enemy harassed by SA fire.	
TOKUA	17 Jul	0830L	Lt MURPHY's patrol departed TOKUA to reconnoitre NASISIPOK area.	
		1200L	17 Pl relieved 8 Pl at TOKUA. 8 Pl now located SMITHS HILL 681137.	
CAMERONS HILL		1000L	Patrol commanded by Sjt ARMSTRONG moving forward to an observation post 694183 at the end of NORTH HILL encountered an enemy ambush party of 3. Patrol engaged and killed all 3 enemy. Pte GOURLAY being credited with 2 kills. Enemy were carrying Australian rifle and 4 Aust grenades. Documents captured confirm that one of the enemy killed was a 2nd Lieutenant.	
		1600L	C Coy patrols located a suitable approach to the enemy position on CAMERONS HILL from the LEFT flank. Artillery engaged CAMERONS HILL during day.	
		0910L	Patrol commanded by Lt BONDE departed B Coy to harass enemy in KUKUWABI area square 6826.	

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Unit ..... **7 AUST INF BN (AIF)** Date and Time.—From **0830L 18 Jul 45** To **1630L 18 Jul 45**

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAMERONS HILL	18 Jul 45		Artillery harassed enemy position CAMERONS HILL night 17/18 Jul.	
		1200L	13 Pl commanded by Lt NEVILLE with artillery, mortar and MMG support, supported by 15 Pl successfully attacked enemy position CAMERONS HILL after a heavy fire fight. The enemy abandoned the position in disorder. 7 enemy were killed. Own casualties 3 slightly wounded. In this action Cpl R.C. STIRRAT killed a 1st Lieutenant at close quarters and made short work of taking his sword, pistol and American watch. Amongst the equipment captured in this engagement were a "JUKI" Heavy machine gun, which had been giving considerable trouble throughout actions along the ridge, new clothing, including American type gaiters, and a small lighting set.	
		1630L	A patrol observed 5 - 6 enemy 250 yards NORTH of CAMERONS HILL. 15 Pl consolidated 694185. Lt BONDE's patrol to KUKUWABI returned. Patrol observed no movement in KUKUWABI but encountered 3 enemy when returning to their firm base. 1 enemy was killed.	
MAPIA		0830L	8 Pl PIB departed BERRYS HILL to harass the enemy on the NUMA NUMA trail between Base Point 2 and 700193 duration 2 days.	
BERRYS HILL		1400L 1500L	2 Pls 1 OI Aust Heavy Mortar Coy arrived BERRYS HILL. Battalion requested permission for Lts McPHEE and RUSH to fly over the WAKUNAI area on the next air drop. Names were submitted on the requisition for drop and a signal from Brigade came back "Extremely concerned fate of 2 officers" however, the mission was successfully carried out and the officers preferred to march out to A Coy rather than arrive by air drop.	

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Unit ..... 7 AUST INF BN. (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0740L 19 Jul 45 To 1600L 21 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
MAPIA	19 Jul 45	0740L	PIB patrol established firm base and reports no movement in MAPIA garden area.	
CAMERONS HILL		1600L	Patrol forward of C Coy position found 2 vacated enemy positions and enemy strength unknown occupying position 400 yards NORTH of CAMERONS HILL. Later artillery registered on the positions.	
WAKUNAI		1600L	A Coy HQs and 9 Pl relieved B Coy HQs and 10 Pl at WAKUNAI base. B Coy now located SMITHS HILL.	
BERRYS HILL			Our new secret weapon, the pigeon is now being used to convey messages. The native carriers are seen to spend much time at the loft every day eyeing off the "No 1 kai".	
CAMERONS HILL	20 Jul		2 pigeons have been reported AWL from TOKUA, perhaps the Nips have been living on pigeon soup.	Appx 4 Specimen pigeon messages
			Artillery and mortars harassed enemy positions NORTH of CAMERONS HILL during night 19/20 Jul.	Appx 5 Location statement. No 9
		1000L	6 Pl PIB relieved 7 Pl PIB under command C Coy.	Appx 6. CO's report on Ops.
		1000L	C Coy patrol occupied position 693186 against light opposition. Nil casualties.	
		1630L	C Coy patrols report enemy strength unknown occupy position 693187. 13 Pl consolidated 693186. The elusive creek running through 697192 and 697175 on the right flank of C Coy has been named CHARLIE CREEK.	
HUNTS HILL		1800L	PIB patrol to MAPIA returned. Reported signs of enemy movement WEST along NUMA NUMA trail from Base Point 2.	
TOKUA		1800L	Lt MURPHY's patrol to NASISIPOK returned, enemy estimated strength 6 in huts engaged with grenade discharged with unobserved results.	
CAMERONS HILL	21 Jul		Artillery and mortars harassed enemy position 693187 night 20/21 Jul.	
		1600L	C Coy patrols reconnoitred enemy positions along the L of C between 693187 and CHARLIE CREEK. At least 3 positions along ridge were located in this area. Mortars harassed 693187 during day.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 1200L 21 Jul 45 To 0900L 24 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAKUNAI	21 Jul 45	1200L	8 Pl relieved 11 Pl at WAKUNAI base, relief of B Coy by A Coy now complete.	
CAMERONS HILL	22 Jul	1130L	PIB patrols engaged enemy listening posts 693187 and CHARLIE CREEK. 7 enemy were killed. Own casualties NIL. Enemy replied with rifles from second position 693190.	
TOKUA		1630L	A D Coy patrol commanded by Sjt FREEMAN returned from NASISIPOK area, no movement observed.	Appx 7 Patrol report No 29.
CAMERONS HILL	23 Jul		Artillery and mortars harassed enemy position 693187 night 22/23 Jul.	
		1030L	With artillery, mortar and MMG support 14 Pl occupied enemy position 693187 unopposed. Enemy abandoned position during fire programme. The position consisted of 5 - 6 foxholes and 2 lean-tos.	
		1200L	A patrol 200 yards forward of the occupied position was fired on. Casualties own 1 wounded. SX39934 PTE BURGESS J.L. Brigadier BINNS commander 4 Aust Base Sub Area and Lt-col COURT AQMG 2 AUST CORPS visited forward Pl. Colonel REEVES and Colonel WOODFORD CSOs 2 AUST CORPS visited unit.	
BERRYS HILL	24 Jul	0600L	Sentries reported having heard plane engine in direction of NUMA NUMA at 240030L. and 240330L. 2 AUST CORPS were advised.	
			It has been the usual routine for enemy planes to visit BOUGAINVILLE from adjacent islands during each full moon period.	
CAMERONS HILL		1200L	Relief of C Coy by B Coy commenced. 12 Pl relieved 14 Pl at 693187.	
		1600L	C Coy patrols located and engaged an extensive enemy position 693190. Nil casualties. Later artillery registered the position.	
WAKUNAI		0900L	A patrol commanded by Lt McKENZIE departed A Coy to reconnoitre the NORTH EAST coast of BOUGAINVILLE at 760309. Duration of patrol 5 days.	

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Unit ..... 7. AUST. INF. BN. (AIF) .....

Date and Time.—From 1500L 24 Jul 45 To 0900L 26 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
WAKUNAI	24 Jul 45	1500L	Mortar and MMG personnel arrive A Coy to act as protective force for ANGAU natives.	
TOKUA		1630L	8 Pl PIB and 16 Pl patrol at NASISIPOK reports having encountered strong enemy position on a ridge 300 yards from their firm base. PIB attacked killing 8 and probably another 5 enemy. Lt EDGAR PIB Pl Comd wounded. Enemy replied with LMG and rifle fire.	
CAMERONS HILL	25 Jul	1200L	Relief of C Coy continues. B Coy HQs and 10 Pl relieved C Coy HQs and 15 Pl.	
		1600L	12 Pl and PIB patrols reconnoitred enemy position 693190. 5 bunkers were observed.	
		1030L	A PIB patrol engaged enemy in the same position as yesterday at NASISIPOK. 1 enemy was killed.	
CAMERONS HILL	26 Jul		Commanding Officer departed BERRYS HILL to report to Brigade Commander at SORAKEN.	
			Artillery harassed enemy position 693190 during night 25/26 Jul.	
		1200L	11 Pl relieved 13 Pl. Relief of C Coy is now complete. C Coy now located SMITHS HILL.	
		1600L	12 Pl patrol reconnoitred enemy position 693190.	
TOKUA		1700L	16 Pl patrol to NASISIPOK returned; contacted enemy estimated strength 30 in good defensive position. 1 enemy was killed. Whilst patrol was returning to its firm base enemy opened up with an LMG. Own casualties - 1 killed 3 wounded including 1 native guide.	Appendix 7A Patrol report No 31
			Battle casualties - Killed in action - VX134830 Sgt MIDGLEY H.K.	
			Wounded in action - Q131657 Pte STANLEY C.E. VX68168 Pte GOURLAY A.T.	
WAKUNAI		0900L	Lt DONALD's patrol departed A Coy to investigate native report that enemy are using EVIAN 674272 as a staging camp.	

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Unit 7 AUST INF BN (AIF) Date and Time.—From 0700L 27 Jul 45 To 1600 L 31 Jul 45

Place.	Date.	Hour.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
CAMERONS HILL	27 Jul 45	0700L	Artillery harassed enemy position 693190 night 26/27 Jul . With artillery, mortar, MMG support 12 Pl occupied enemy position 693190. Enemy abandoned the position which was very extensive consisting of 12 well made bunkers, lined with bamboo and connected by crawl trenches.	
		1200L	Patrol contacted enemy, strength unknown 400 yards forward of position. B Coy moved forward and consolidated. Locations - B Coy HQ 693190 10 Pl 694192 11 Pl 694191 12 Pl 693187 7 Pl PIB 693188	
WAKUNAI		1030L	Lt DONALD's patrol returned. Patrol ambushed 10 enemy at EVIAN at first light this morning killing 7. Own casualties	Appx 8 Patrol Report No 32
CAMERONS HILL	28 Jul		NIL. B Coy and PIB patrol engaged enemy 150 yards forward of 10 Pl. Casualties - Enemy 2 killed. A fireworks display was turned on in B Coy perimeter during the night as a result of PIB activity.	
WAKUNAI		1630L	Lt McKENZIE's patrol to the coast returned, reported signs of enemy movement 738294 and enemy in strength at TEIKON 737319.	Appx 9 Patrol Report No 30
McINNES HILL	29 Jul	1400L	PIB patrol reconnoitred and engaged enemy position forward of 10 Pl, 1 enemy was killed. Later mortars harassed the position.	
McINNES HILL	30 Jul	1600L	B Coy patrols reconnoitred enemy positions forward of 10 Pl during the day. Enemy located on a V shaped spur, the feature being named McINNES HILL after B Coy's Commander. Artillery harassed enemy positions during the day	
WAKUNAI		0930L	Lt McPHEE's patrol departed ACoy to harass enemy in BURITSIOTORARA.	
McINNES HILL	31 Jul		Supported by artillery, mortars and MMG fire 10 Pl occupied enemy position 695194. Later 10 and 11 Pls encountered heavy opposition from extensive enemy position McINNES HILL 696196. Enemy strength unknown, but have 3 automatics.	



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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF),

5 Jul 45.

Brig A.W.POTTS, D.S.O., M.C.;

Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde .

Dear Brig Potts:

In reply to your letter of 2 Jul 45, I wish to report as follows :

OPERATIONS TO DATE:

1. The tactical position on taking over from 27 Aust Inf Bn (AIF) on 7 Jun 45 was as follows :
  - (a) One coy established on SOUTHERN extremity of TIERNAN'S SPUR, henceforward known as Post 13, in close contact with enemy situated 100 yards NORTH on higher ground.
  - (b) Remainder of Bn (less 2 Pls at KEENAN'S and CHOGO respectively) situated on Posts 1 to 12 and roadhead.
2. C Coy relieved Post 13 between 4/6 Jun 45.
3. Two Pls of A Coy relieved CHOGO and KEENAN'S between 5/6 Jun 45.
4. Patrol from B Coy reconnoitred forward base for A Coy in WAKUNAI RIVER area - also possibility of a jeep track to same. Reports, favourable to both, were received on 4 Jun 45.
5. On 7 Jun -

following artillery harassing and fighting patrols, one pl of B Coy occupied RUSH'S KNOLL - later discovered to be position known to enemy as BASE POINT 3 - capturing documents and equipment, including four 36 grenades, six rifles, Australian sig wire, etc. Fresh graves were discovered.
6. On 9 Jun -

one pl C Coy moved forward 100 yds and seized high ground commanding Post 13. Enemy remained in position on reverse slope in bunkers. Attempted infiltration into our position during the night of 9/10 Jun 45 was repulsed. Two enemy were killed.
7. On 11 Jun -

one Pl of C Coy with artillery, mortar, MMG and flamethrower support, cleared remainder of ridge. Casualties were :  
Enemy : 9 killed  
Own : 3 killed 2 wounded.

## Equipment captured included:

one Australian O.S.M.G.  
 considerable medical gear.  
 six rifles.  
 one L.M.G.  
 one sword.

8. On 12 Jun -

Maj BLABY, O.C. A Coy, with patrol occupied SISIVIE unopposed. Nine graves were found. The same day a C Coy patrol contacted an enemy position 250 yards forward of Coy position. Casualties were as follows:

Enemy: 2 killed.  
Own: Nil.

The position was occupied.  
 Bn HQ moved to Post 12.

9. On 13 Jun -

B Coy moved to WAKUNAI RIVER arriving 16 Jun 45. Air dropping started immediately with excellent results.

C Coy made a further advance, six enemy bodies, of which one was a Sjt's, being found as result of action. A further feature was occupied without opposition (ref 690163), equipment captured including:

a further Australian O.S.M.G.  
 one sword  
 rifles, etc.

10. On 14 Jun -

Patrols located strong enemy position at 694165, a SOUTHERN peak of WEARNE'S HILL, and killed one sentry.

11. Following an air strike on 16 Jun, C Coy advanced and captured three features against light opposition. The fourth feature was strongly held. Casualties were as follows:

Own: 2 killed 2 wounded.  
 Captured equipment included:

1 L.M.G.  
 Grenade discharger rifles grenades  
 3 swords.

Fighting patrols engaged the fourth feature during 17 Jun, without dislodging the enemy. Enemy casualties were:

Confirmed killed: 1  
 Probably killed: 4 (later confirmed)

Our own casualties were:  
 Wounded: 2.

One L.M.G. was silenced.

12. During 18 Jun -

An A Coy patrol at TOKUA killed three enemy, two with booby traps at a watering point. Further attempts to dislodge enemy forward of C Coy failed, one enemy being killed by a grenade. P.I.B. at MAPIA killed 3 enemy of a party of 10.

B Coy patrols commenced operations in BURITSIORARA area.

13. On 19 Jun -

D Coy relieved C Coy. An A Coy patrol ambushed eight enemy at TOKUA, arriving with supplies, and killed four, capturing documents.

14. On 20 Jun -

D Coy captured enemy position to immediate front, but sniper fire from further enemy positions beyond cause abandoning of forward slopes of new position. Casualties were :

Own : 3 killed 4 wounded

Enemy : Unknown.

Enemy used dumdum ammunition.

Equipment captured was as follows :

one L.M.G.  
four rifles (including one Australian type)  
one sword.  
one flag.  
documents.

From this time until 24 Jun 45, numerous patrols tested enemy positions, inflicting casualties until enemy withdrew to present position.

15. B Coy commenced aggressive patrolling near BURITSIORARA on 20 Jun, killing one enemy on 20 Jun, two on 21 Jun, and 1 killed and 2 wounded on 22 Jun.

16. P.I.B. patrol at MAPIA was withdrawn to work in closer co-operation with the WEARNE'S HILL operations. The main enemy L of C was discovered, phone lines destroyed and three enemy killed during the period 23 Jun - 1 Jul by P.I.B.

17. Patrolling of new enemy positions resulted in several enemy casualties and their abandoning of two forward positions, but the main body remained strongly bunkered, on top of a feature 100 yards across by 200 yards deep. This feature is flanked by precipitous slopes and narrows to a razor back forward and back.

An air strike on 26 Jun was unsuccessful in clearing the area, as was a second strike on 3 Jul, when bombing was inaccurate. Fighting patrols were repulsed on both occasions by fire from one JUKI, three to four L.M.G.s and six to eight rifles. On 2 Jul 45 encircling tactics by a Pl of D Coy and a section of P.I.B. resulted in 5 enemy killed and one probably killed. Documents were captured. Two more enemy were killed on 3 Jul 45 in the same area.

18. B Coy ambushed a food carrying party of 6 on 26 Jun near BURITSIORARA, killing four, and a further carrying party of four on 29 Jun, killing three.

On 28 Jun, a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 13 O.R.s established a FIRM BASE at 738294, leaving 5 O.R.s and 1 native in occupation, before pushing on to the coast. On 29 Jun this base was attacked by 20 enemy firing 3 automatic weapons and rifles. Our native scout was killed and the camp overrun. Casualties were :

Enemy : one killed and one probably killed  
six wounded.

Own : Nil.

Remainder of patrol returned, recaptured base and all equipment, killed one more Jap and wounded three.

A further P.I.B. patrol killed three enemy NORTH of BURITSIORARA on 29 Jun 45.

19. A Coy patrols at KEENAN'S and SISIVIE were replaced by one Pl at 637168 on 26 Jun. On 3 Jul TOKUA was occupied by this Pl without opposition. Pl is now consolidating in TOKUA area and patrolling to NASISIPOK where 20 Japs are reported living in huts.

20. G Coy relieved D Coy on WEARNE'S HILL at 041200L.

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FUTURE OPERATIONS

21. In the WEARNE'S HILL Area two known def positions remain, the second being 200 yards NORTH of present objective. From captured documents, this position seems likely to be :

ADV BN HQ      2 BN 81 REGT

It is intended to occupy a position between these two def localities with one Pl and, by harassing tactics, force a withdrawal from the forward area, repeating encirclement on second feature. Exploitation will continue to 696192..

In B Coy area, ambushing and harassing tactics will continue.

In TOKUA area, deep patrols towards IBU and NASISIPOK (ref 628220).

22. One noticeable result of the above operations is revealed by the comparison of casualties suffered by D Coy with those suffered by other coys of the unit. This coy is now suffering from its long isolation from the unit at MUNDA and, although many individuals showed personal gallantry and initiative, the team work was NOT up to unit standard. The maximum value will be extracted from the period they are about to serve in a reserve role.

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23. DEDUCTIONS :

From general observation and reports just to hand from native scouts, it appears that the enemy is delaying our advance at all costs while reinforcements move in to BASE POINT 2 and TOKOPENAPAIA area (7620). Fresh troops are reported in these areas - at least 50 at 7620.

He has apparently shortened his L of C in the TOKUA-SISIVIE Area and reinforced BURITSIORARA. The speed with which he located and attacked our patrol base in SADDLE MOUNTAIN area, argues co-operation with local, pre-Japanese Kanakas.

Although enemy dead in the WEARNE'S HILL area are not in first class physical condition, they are far from emaciated or ill clothed.

All enemy killed in BURITSIORARA area are well fed and in excellent condition, and clothing, although worn, is neatly repaired.



A wide variety of fruit and vegetables was carried by these men. The enemy is particularly aggressive and quick to retaliate in this area.

Enemy morale is generally high, one noticeable exception being after the air attack of 16 Jun when a very strong position was vacated, weapons being left in pits and bunkers.

Despite the reinforcing of reserve and L of C positions, it is felt that, when he is finally evicted from the WEARNE'S HILL area, he will NOT try to regain lost ground but will continue to man delaying positions along the NUMA NUMA TRAIL.

A garrison of one Coy at BERRY'S HILL, with a further Pl each at TOKUA and WEARNE'S should be sufficient to deter any infiltration back into this area.

The B Coy area (Post 14) could be vacated without prejudice to BERRY'S HILL area and no difficulty should be encountered in reoccupying a similar feature in the same area at a later date, should operations require it.

NO difficulties exist in extending the jeep road to Post 14, and thence to the coast if required.

The co-operation by B Coy; 1 P.I.B., has been satisfactory. Better results are obtained when working in close support of our own troops than when given an independent role.

2 Aust Mtn Bty took over from 10 Bty, 4 Aust Fd Regt on 29 Jun 45 and have proved both effective and co-operative. No difficulty would be experienced in moving this bty as far forward as a jeep track went.

3 Pl 101 Hy Mortar have one mortar forward and have given useful support.

The Tk/A Pl has provided men to man two flamethrowers. Training is now complete and the men move forward tomorrow to WEARNE'S HILL. One flamethrower used in action by C Coy failed to move defenders from a very deep bunker - then fuel was used at fairly long range. Thickened fuel will be used in future, although vegetation was cleared successfully from approaches to the bunker by the thin fuel. A combination of two throwers, one with thick and the other with thin fuel, is to be tried.

Supply is good, the "Q" side giving very little trouble. The finicula will be finished some time next week, and has already eased the carrier situation.

Road Maintenance, owing to continual rain, is a problem, but NOT an insurmountable one.

L/T is established with Post 14 and TOKUA should be on the line within a few days. The Sigs now look after more than 70 miles of line and are doing an excellent job.

G2 (Air) has been very helpful in arranging air co-operation and air photos. Unfortunately the latter were obliques and did not reveal the expected results.

Brig POTTS

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Thank you for the offer of additional help if required, but things are going along well, and everyone is "Happy in the Service".

The total number of kills recorded and verified up to 041800L are now 72. There are also 6 probably killed, and 10 wounded.

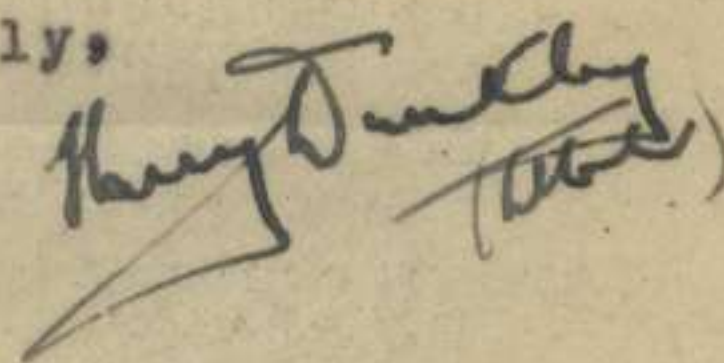
Our losses are 15 killed and 29 wounded. Most of the wounded will return to duty in the near future, many are back already. Fortunately, the Japanese grenades have not been very effective.

Enemy casualties are conservative, the low proportion of "wounded" to "killed" being due to the fact that the body not being left on the ground, two or more witnesses are usually requested before a claim is admitted.

Maj JONES will report to Bde HQ as instructed about 11 Jul 45.

I remain,

Yours respectfully,



VX5174,  
Lt-col H L E DUNKLEY, M.C.,  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF),

13 Jul 45.

Brig A.W. POTTS, D.S.O., M.C.,  
Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde .

Dear Sir,

The existing courier system not permitting me to report up to 2400 hours to-day and still catch the morning delivery of the 14th, I am forwarding the weekly report up to 131000L.

Operations from 4 Jul 45 to the present were as follows :

1. 4 Jul 45 : B Coy recon patrol to 738277 returned, reporting finding the SOUTHERN half of SADDLE HT occupied by enemy. One Jap was caught washing clothes and was killed. Two Kanakas in red lap laps were observed spying on the patrol; they retreated uphill to a position from which considerable noise came..

Line of Communication established to new TOKUA position.

2. 5 Jul 45 : A P.I.B. patrol reported 40 Japs with 4 LEGS and new packs digging in at 694182. This enemy force sent out a patrol and P.I.B. retired. Artillery engaged the area.

Relief of D Coy by C Coy proceeded.

3. 6 Jul 45 : C Coy occupied enemy position at 694174 (CENTRE HILL) which had been vacated the previous night. Five enemy bodies were found partly buried by artillery and mortar fire. Six rifles and one S.S.M.C. were found. Expended Juki ammunition and strips confirmed previous reports. Area very effectively covered by artillery and mortar fire. No trace of the body of Gpl WASH, except for one Australian sock in Juki pit. C Coy moved through this area about 200 yards NORTH and consolidated. A P.I.B. patrol to 694182 surprised and killed two enemy sentries.

4. 7 Jul 45 : An A Coy patrol reported track NORTH from TOKUA to 646195. A further patrol left for RURAVO area.

A patrol forward from C Coy occupied an enemy position at 694177 against light opposition. Enemy withdrew and there were NIL casualties on either side.

15 Pl moved forward and occupied this position.

A P.I.B. patrol saw 3 enemy at 694182 but did not engage. This feature now known as NORTH HILL.

5. 8 Jul 45 : A C Coy patrol killed one Jap at a listening post 350 yards forward of 15 Pl. An enemy body in 15 Pl area was examined by the R.M.C. and found to have flesh cut off both legs.

A B Coy patrol to 717260 reported NO enemy activity. Natives reported that ASIPEPIA village at 767296 was pro Japanese.

6. 9 Jul 45 : C Coy patrols to NORTH HILL struck heavy opposition. Casualties : Enemy : 1 Killed, 1 probably killed.  
Own : 1 killed, 1 wounded.

B Coy sent patrols to ambush track NORTH and SOUTH of

BURITSICTOARA. An A Coy patrol to RURA VO area reported ambushing 8 Japs in native garden. Killed 5 and one probable. Our own casualties were NIL. Enemy fire indicated further parties in the area. This garden was identified later as NASISIPOK (628220).

7. 10 Jul 45 : After artillery and mortar harassing C Coy fighting patrol moved forward to NORTH HILL and again encountered heavy opposition from well bunkered position. Casualties were as follows :

Enemy : 2 Killed      2 Probably killed.  
Own : 1 killed      1 wounded.

A P.I.B. patrol led by Coy Comd, to rear of NORTH HILL found a well dug but unoccupied position but failed to occupy same or inform Coy. Relief of Coy Comd requested.

A Coy reported RURA VO clear of enemy.

8. 11 Jul 45 : C Coy staged diversionary attack on forward slopes of NORTH HILL while one Pl encircled and attacked rear position reported by P.I.B. Enemy now in occupation and gave determined opposition in both positions. Casualties were as follows :

Enemy : 3 killed      2 probably killed.  
Own : Nil.

Airstrike requested on NORTH HILL.

B Coy patrols returned to move on enemy L of C NORTH or SOUTH of BURITSICTOARA .

9. 12 Jul 45 : C Coy : Patrol activity only.

A Coy : A three day patrol left for RURA VO - NASISIPOK area. Recce parties for relief of A Coy by D Coy exchanged.

C Coy : Reported enemy activity on rear position.

10. 13 Jul 45 : Airstrike notified for 131100L arrived at 130810L causing hasty retreat of morning contact patrols. Strike at 130840L; target appeared well covered. Preliminary reports indicate forward enemy position now unoccupied. Action proceeding.

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FUTURE OPERATIONS :

Only one enemy position is known forward of our troops in the NORTH HILL area and this is being engaged at present. It is NOT

unlikely that the enemy will fight further delaying action this side of the river crossing at 696191, but as the terrain becomes easier these should be dealt with by one Coy without undue delay.

Offensive operations in strength will cease at this crossing and patrol activity based on NORTH HILL will commence, as far as BASS POINT 2. Long range patrols from TOKUA and WAKUSAI areas continue.

DEDUCTIONS :

No noticeable change has taken place in enemy tactics or probable intentions since the last report.

It is noticeable that NO documents have been recovered for the last fortnight, all bodies being reported as stripped of all but clothing.

The JUKI reported as being in action on various occasions in the WEARNE'S HILL Area is always evacuated before a position is overrun; and fires very sparingly.

A dummy bunker with a broken LMG and a cloth cap on a stick reported on NORTH HILL. A further cloth cap on a stick was located at 694177. These are the first indications of enemy deceptive tactics noted.

A report just to hand states that one Pl of C Coy has occupied enemy forward positions at NORTH HILL and a second platoon is moving in to the second feature against LMG and rifle fire.

A noticeable feature of the operations on 11 Jul 45 was that enemy refused to be drawn by small arms fire during the diversionary attack and waited until forward elements were within 10 - 15 yards of bunkers before opening fire. Excellent fire control combined with shortage of ammunition probably accounts for this.

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AMMUNITION : The limiting of artillery ammunition expenditure to 25 RPGPD prohibits harassing programmes and makes attacks on bunkered positions more difficult. However, by slowing the tempo of operations sufficient ammunition for a reasonable programme for set piece attacks is saved. This, unfortunately, permits the enemy time to dig deeper and becomes a vicious circle.

The 10 RPGPD for mortars is not so serious as one mortar only is used forward.

4.2 mortars are unmanned owing to change over of personnel.

All supporting weapons are doing an excellent job.

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GENERAL : Troops are gaining experience rapidly and the morale is high. It is proposed to give B Coy a rest shortly, A Coy moving down to their relief.

Should enemy resistance continue in NORTH HILL area, B Coy will be used as soon as rested for the sake of the experience.

Team work in sections is developing well in C Coy, junior leaders showing gratifying initiative and aggressiveness.

A and B Coy long range patrols have had marked success. It remains to be seen if the rest and reorganization of B Coy will yield happier results in their new operations in the TOKUA area.

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THE TOTAL CASUALTIES to date are as follows :

ENEMY :	88 Killed	12 Probably killed	10 wounded
OWN :	17 "		31 "

ADMIN *

No hitch has occurred, supplies being generally good.

The finicula is working well and has eased the carrier  
problem.  
Road maintenance is good, owing to improved weather  
conditions.

Track improvement to forward areas is progressing  
satisfactorily.

Yours respectfully,



Lt-Col.

VX5174,

Lt-Col H L B Dunkley, *Adm.*

Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Reports received at 131200L reveal both enemy positions captured.  
Five bodies were found in the first position confirming earlier reports  
10 - 11 Jul.

Five enemy killed this morning in second position and two more outside  
a newly discovered position 3-400 yds north. Coy consolidating new gains

Lt-col Elliott-Smith has called and discussed relief of Capt HUNT.

He is being replaced by Capt FLUCKER and it is requested that the  
matter be considered closed in view of the good work done by P I B on  
other occasions.

Respectfully,

(Sig) Harry Dunkley







**PART E. Detail of Present Strength and Reinforcements required as shown in Part A of Army Form W.3009 at 0600 Hours Saturday 14/7/1945.**

Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I.	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP I. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP II. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.	Details of Tradesmen. GROUP III. (cont.)	W.E.	Posted Strength.	Reinfs. Required.
Ammunition Examiners				Surveyors, Engineering				Operating Room Assts.				G.P.O. Assistants			
Armament Artificer Fitter				Surveyors, R.A.A.				Operator, Keyboard				Hammermen			
Armament Artificer Fitter (Electrical)				Surveyors, Topographical				Operator, Line				Leather Stitchers			
Armament Artificer Fitter (M.V.)				Surveyors, Trigonometrical				Operator, Signal				Orderlies, Nursing			
Armament Artificer Fitter (A.F.V.)				Toolmakers				Operator, Switchboard				Orderlies, Nursing Mental			
Armament Artificer Instrument				Turners				Operator, Wireless				Plate Layers			
Armament Artificer Radio				Watchmakers				Opticians				Rangetakers	4	3	1
Armament Artificer Signals				Welders				Painters				Riveters			
Armament Artificer Wireless								Panel Beaters				Roughriders			
Artificer, Artillery								Photographer, Dry Plate				Saddlers			
Artificer, Engine								Predictor Numbers				Saddletree makers			
Blacksmiths	1	1						Printers				Shoemaker and Boot Repairer			
Bricklayers		1						Radiographers				Stevedores			
Comptroller								Riggers				Stokers, Staty. Engine			
Cooks, Hospital				GROUP II				Sawyers				Storemen, Technical	4	4	
Coppersmiths				Armourers				Signallers	26	26		Tailors	2	2	
Dispensers				Axemen				Signwriters				Textile Refters			
Draughtsmen				Bakers				Telescope Identfn. Numbers				Tinsmiths			
Draughtsmen (Architectural)				Bty. Comd's. Asst.				Well Borers				Vulcanizers			
Draughtsmen (Engineering)				Bollermakers				Wheelers				Wagon Erectors			
Draughtsmen (Mechanical)				Carpenters	6	6		Winchman				Whitesmiths			
Draughtsmen (Topographical)				Carpenters and Joiners				Wireman				Batmen	35	35	
Electricians				Cooks				Woodturners				Gen Duties	3	3	
Electricians (M.V.)				Dental Mechanics								Hygiene	4	4	
Electricians (Signals)				Driver-Mech. (Eng. and Med.)								Evac LHO	39	7330	54
Fitters				Driver-Operator								Orderlies	32	32	
Fitters (Cycle)				Drainers								W/O Nos	22	22	
Fitters (Electrical)				Electricians								W/O Nos	73	73	
Fitters (Gun)				Electricians (Engineers)								Pioneers	32	32	
Fitters (Instrument)				Fire Control Operators				GROUP III.				DETAILS OF NON-TRADESMEN.			
Fitters (M.V.)				Gun Operator				Battery Surveyors				EPs	6	6	
Fitters, Railway Signal				Hatchman				Butchers	1	1		EP Sgt	1	1	
Fitters, Signals				Height Taker				Clerks	12	12		Storemen	6	6	
Grinder, Precision				Helio Operator				Clerks, Supply				SBS	21	21	
Mechanics, Instrument				Instrument Operator				Clerks, Technical				W/Duties	2	2	
Mechanics, Instrument (Signals)				Intelligence Duties	10	10		Coach Trimmers				RSW	1	1	
Mechanics, Instrument (Surgical)				Joiners				Concretors				RQ/S	1	1	
Mechanics, Radio				Lineman				Cooks				Sgts PI	25	25	
Mechanics, Typewriter				Lineman, Signals				Dental Clerk Orderlies				CS/S	5	5	
Mechanics, Wireless				Lithographers				Despatch Riders				ATTACHED BY W.E.			
Millwrights				Machinists, Metal				Draughtsmen, Signals				Dvrs H 7	12	12	
Operators, Excavator				Machinists, Wood				Drivers, H.T.				CO/S	5	5	
Pattern Maker				Masons				Driver Mechanics		15		Tot Sgt		1	
Pharmacist				Masseurs				Driver Tpnt. Plant				Tk/A Nos	11	17	
Photographer, Wet Plate				Mechanics, M.T.				Engine Hands, I.C.							
Photowriter				Miners				Equipment Repairers	1	1					
Plumber				Moulders				Farriers							
Saw Doctors				Nurses, Trained				Fitters' Mates							
Surveyors				Observation Post Assts.				Gun Layers	3	2	NR				
CARRIED FORWARD	1	2		CARRIED FORWARD	17	18		CARRIED FORWARD	65	73		Totals of columns marked * to agree with columns 4 and 7, and 1 and 10 of Part A. respectively.	768	715	55

NOTES.—(a) If rank other than private is involved give details on back.  
(b) Authorised trades or specialists not included in list will be added as required in spaces provided.  
(c) Where A.W.A.S. and/or A.A.M.W.S. personnel are desired show details on back.  
(d) Where replacement not desired note accordingly on return by insertion of N.R. in col. "Reinfs. Required."  
(e) Where any request or notation is made on back of form, the words "See Back" should be written in one of the blank spaces on this page.

See Back for Attached

*[Signature]*  
Commander

JUL 14 1945  
Date of Despatch



# FIELD RETURN OF OFFICERS

Army Form W.3008  
(Adapted) (Page 1)  
(Revised Jan., 1943)

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 7 5 7 / 194 (Unit)

W.E. 11 120 3 / 33 OFFRS. 788 O.R's. 1 + OFFRS. 32 O.R's. ATT. BY W.E.

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

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10				
W.E. EXCLUDING ATTACHED.				DETAIL.	ATTACHED ALLOWED BY W.E.								
Rein'ts Required.	Deficient W.E.	Surplus to W.E.	Posted Strength.		Arm or Corps.	Posted Strength.	Surplus to W.E.	Deficient W.E.	Rein'ts Required.				
1 3 8 20 1	1 1	4	1 2 7 24 1	* * Lieut.-Colonels Majors Captains Lieutenants Quarter-masters A.A.N.S. and A.A.M.W.S. Offrs. Civilians Counting as Offrs.	AANG	1							
33	2	4	35			1							
		DETAIL		A.I.F.	C.M.F.	A.W.A.S.	A.A.N.S.	A.A.M.W.S.	CIVIL.	R.A.N.	R.A.A.F.	**	TOTAL.
		A.		36									36
		E.(1)											
		E.(2)											

Analysis of Part A to be shown here by ALL units. Only units notified in para. 10 of instructions for compilation of form will complete Part E(1) & E(2).

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

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

### OFFICERS JOINED DURING WEEK

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

### OFFICERS QUITTED DURING WEEK.

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

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

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

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

At 0600 Hrs. Saturday 14 / 7 / 1945 (Total to agree with Columns 4 and 7 of Part A.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Surname.	Initials.	Posting.	Whether present with Unit (insert Yes or No)	If not present with Unit, state how employed.	Date of Detachment.
LV-CO1	V13174	DUNKLEY	D L E	C O	Yes		
MAJ	V1134890	JONES	C	21/0	"		
"	V1114147	SLABY	K	00 A	"		
Capt	V1114145	MCINNES	W O	00 B	"		
"	V1114155	ROBERTS	R	00 D	"		
"	V138038	GUNN	R W	-	NO	24 days ARL	23/5/45
"	V1114150	GARRISON	W O	00 C	Yes		
"	T12119	MCINNON	L S	00 BQ	"		
"	S120548	DAVIDSON	G W	Adj	"		
"	V1105702	SARLES	F H	21/0B	"		
T/Capt	V1114140	BORRAN	L O	00	"		
Lt	V1114136	MCCARTHY	T S	21/0B	"		
"	V135781	GRIFFIN	O E	21/00	"		
"	V1114154	NEVILL	K O	13 P1	"		
"	V138145	FORSE	N H	8 P1	"		
"	V1148873	LOREALD	L E	7 P1	"		
"	S138084	CHESF	J P	-	"		
"	V1133100	HILTON	S G J	T O	"		
"	V135047	MCKENZIE	I M	9 P1	"		
"	V139397	ELLIOTT	M E	15 P1	"		
"	V139379	BELLER	K E	1 P1	"		
"	V139359	EDWARDS	D E W	1 O	"		
"	V138109	RUSH	G	12 P1	"		
"	T1450	BONDE	R H	10 P1	"		
"	V133824	VALE	B J	3 P1	"		
"	V137088	FARRIS	J A C	ASS/00	"		
"	V138980	KIRBY	A A	ASS/Adj	"		
"	V1103427	ROBSON	K	-	NO	24 days ARL	15/5/45
"	V142000	PRATTEN	L P	-	NO	"	20/5/45
"	V1147941	GRAVELL	A	18 P1	Yes		
"	V140222	BELL	R O	14 P1	"		
"	V142442	CATTELL	A B	3 P1	"		
"	V137408	GARRISON	C F	ASS/00	"		
"	V142977	MURPHY	J	16 P1	"		
"	V1101527	COBBERT	A A	-	NO	24 days ARL	11/5/45
See reverse side for officers transferred to A List							
Attached Capt	V1118330	THOMSON	C R	00	Yes		

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

Substantive Rank and Higher Temporary Rank if Held.	Army Number.	Name and Initials.	Unit.	Date of Attachment.	Nature of Attachment.
LT	23/385	BRACELL M	YACA	21/5/45	YACA Rep
Capt	V194501	MILKINGTON C D	AN CO	9/5/45	Chaplain Class 4
"	V13432	MALAN P B	"	23/6/45	"

JUL 14 1945

Date of Despatch

*W. H. Dunkley*  
Signature of Commander (A.I.F.)



HEADQUARTERS of

TO

ACORN

APPX 4

No.

Date

16

1 AUG

PIGEON SERVICE.

No: 1207

All Bearings  
Mag ACORN

not very high  
Two small knolls  
Steep drop of 25 ft

38°  
150° APPROX to ey post

Only slight  
knoll  
2 ey burkeis

355°  
355°  
35° XI

Got Glosely reports  
ey post is fairly  
extensive, and may  
be same as where  
previous HQ were.  
Ey Ground is about same  
high as at steep drop  
Patrol from 11 fl with  
F.O.O to go around right  
to rear of right spar  
to direct party.  
leaving 10 fl area 1000 ft

FROM

BETTY

TIME

0940

PLACE

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TIME of RECEIPT  
at LOFT.

0945.

No.

Date

PIGEON SERVICE.

10

27 JUL

No - 1216

all bearing mag.

Tracks continues down slope

M N APPROX

21° 55'

4° 30' rigging

3 ey. Bunkers

Equipment captured

66° 120'

1 rifle (damaged)

20° 55'

few rounds .256

1 blanket

9 ey Bunkers. leather belt

3 lip

+ arrow pouches

water bottle

300° 0'

B. Coy HQ is shifting PM

FROM

BETTY

TIME

1045

PLACE

NORTH of CAMERON'S

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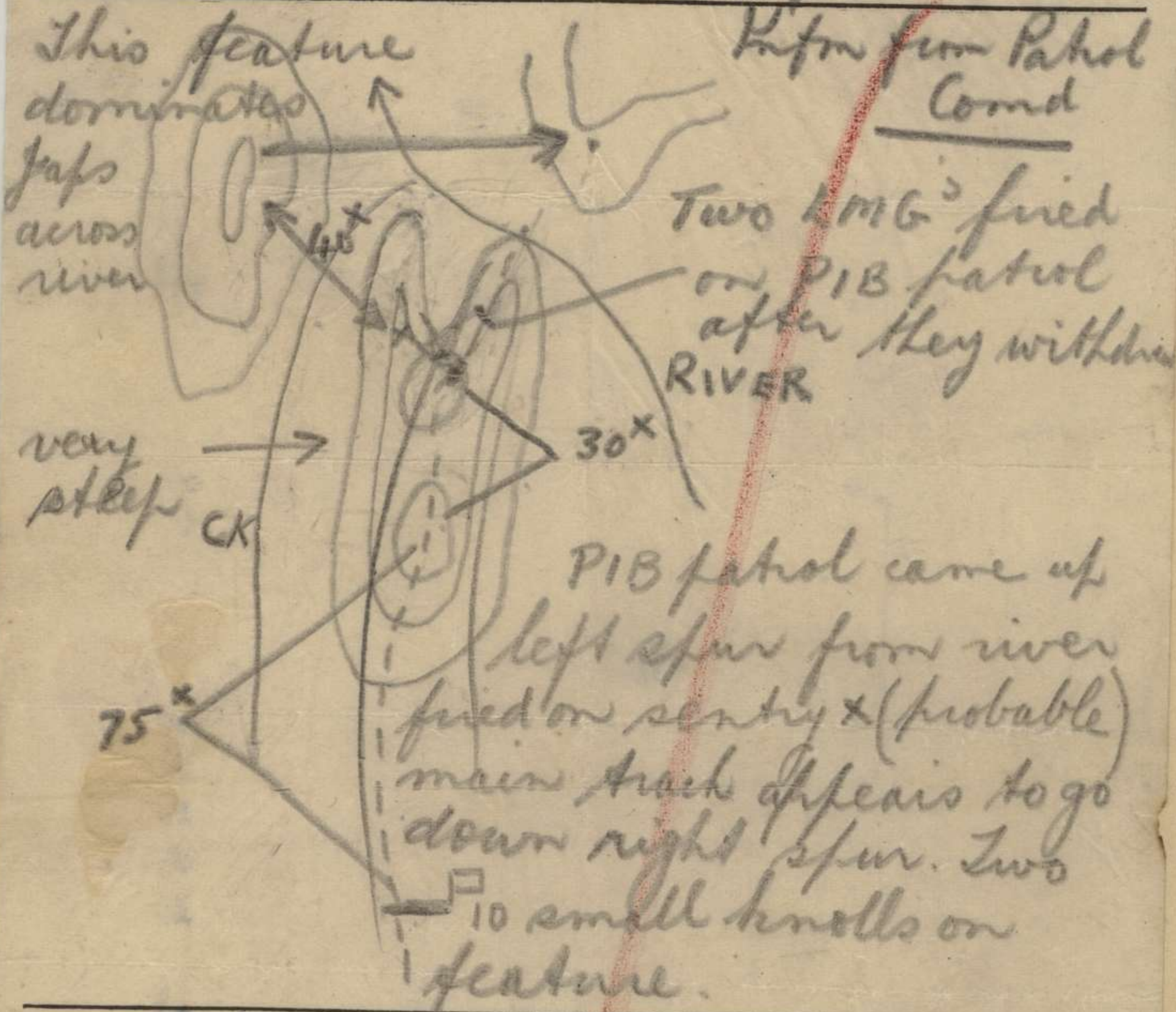
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29 JUL

No-1217



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PLACE

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7 AUSST INF BN (AIF) LOCATION STATEMENT NO 9  
AS AT 2359 HRS 20 JUL 45

APPX 5

SECRET

Copy No : 3.

7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF):  
I/SA/45

Ref Map : IBU 1:25000  
 KOWARO 1:25000  
 TOROKINA 1:63260

Serial	Arm of Serv	War Off Serial No	Unit	Ref Map	Location	Remarks.
1	HQ Unit	45129	Det 5 Aust Mob Mot Flt	KOWARO	677130	
2	"		Det ANGAU	"	681147	
3			Det ANGAU Labour	"	681134	
4	Arty	48483	2 Aust Wtn Bty (AIF)	"	677130	
5	Engr	46157	Det 1 Pl 23 Aust Fd Coy	"	685121	
6	Sigs	49275	Det 23 Aust Inf Bde Sig Sec	"	684149	
			<u>B Corps Sigs :</u>			
7			Det 4 Aust Line Sec	"	659090	
8		47369	B Det 7 Aust Fig Sec	"	684151	
9	Inf	46175	Bn HQ Fed 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	684149	
10	Inf	"	Rear Bn HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)	"	659090	
11	Inf	"	Bn L&B Area	TOROKINA	577954	
12	Inf	"	Hq Coy HQ sig 7 Bn	KOWARO	684151	
13	Inf	"	2 Pl less 1 sub sec	"	684151	sub sec 694181
14	"	"	3 Pl less 1 det	"	684151	det 694181
15	"	"	4 Pl	"	659090	
16	"	"	5 Pl	"		

(2)

Serial	Arm of serv	War Off Serial No.	Unit.	Ref Map	Location	Remarks
17	Inf	46175	6 Pl Tpt	KOWARO	<del>684126</del> 663100	
18	"	"	6 Pl Q Store	"	659090	
19	"	"	A Coy HQ Less 8 Pl	IBU	697245	Relieved by B Coy WAKUNAI.
20	"	"	8 Pl	KOWARO	681137	To move 697245 21 Jul
21	"	"	B Coy less 11 Pl	"	681137	
22	"	"	11 Pl	IBU	697245	To move 681137 21 Jul
23	"	"	C Coy HQ	"	694181	
24	"	"	13 Pl	"	693186	
25	"	"	14 Pl	"	694182	
26	"	"	15 Pl	"	694185	
27	"	"	D Coy less 16 and 17 Pls	KOWARO	685126	
28	"	"	16 and 17 Pls	"	637177	
29	"	48050	B Coy 1 PIB less 6 Pl	"	682143	
30	"	48050	6 Pl	IBU	694180	Under comd C Coy
31	"	45203	2 Pl 101 Aust Hy Mor Coy (AIF) less 1 det	KOWARO	684150	
32	"	"	1 det	IBU	694181	Under Comd C Coy
33	Int	45161	Det P Aust FS Sec (AIF)	KOWARO	684149	
34	S/T	4447	244 Aust Sup Dep Pl less B & C Secs	"	659090	
35	Med	45969	A Coy 8 Aust Fd Amb (AIF)	2	659090	
36	"	"	do	ADS	" 681137	

Serial	Arm of Serv	War Off Serial No.	Unit	XXXXXX Ref Map	Location	Remarks.
37	Dental	45384	C Sec 82 Aust Dental Sec	KOWARO	681137	Located with ADS
38	AEME	46237	Det 109 Aust Bde Wksp (AIF)	"	684151	
39	Provost	49492	Det 14 Aust Indep Bde Gp Pro Pl	"	659090	

CONFIDENTIAL

HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF):

20 Jul 45.

Brig A W POTTS, D.S.O., M.C.:

Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde .

Dear Sir,

I wish to report on the past week's activities in this sector, as follows :

1. 13 Jul 45 : As indicated in my report of 13 Jul 45, the operation of C Coy against NORTH HILL was successful. Following the air strike one Pl moved into the forward knoll reported clear by the earlier patrol and gave covering fire onto the feature 100 yards NORTH. A Pl commanded by Lt ELLIOTT then drove in from the WEST and succeeded in surprising the garrison who were heavily engaging the supporting pl.

Five dead were found on the foremost knoll, and six on the second. An odd elbow behind the second feature suggests one more probable.

A patrol forward found another enemy position about 200 yards NORTH. Enemy casualties were 2 killed, and the P.I.B. killed one more enemy in the rear of this position. Our own casualties for the day were two wounded, one remaining on duty. Arms, equipment and documents were captured.

B Coy patrols returned reporting no movement seen. A patrol, No 25, one officer and 15 ORs, left to harass BURITSIORARA - duration 3 days.

2. 14 Jul 45 : C Coy Recce of new enemy position to be known CAMERON'S HILL found it to be a flat topped V shaped hill with considerable digging and precipitous side. Later found to contain eight bunkers and many weapon pits, all linked by crawl trenches. Native scout killed while on recce for a possible approach for flamethrowers. One enemy was probably killed.

A P.I.B. patrol to river crossing 696190 were engaged by enemy EAST of river in a strong position. Casualties were as follows :

Enemy : 4 killed.  
Own : 1 wounded.

A Coy patrol to NASISIPOK area returned and reported a well sited enemy position at 615195. Casualties : 2 enemy killed.

B Coy : Natives reported enemies at KUKUWABI, possibly moved in from IBU. A track from KUKUWABI to BURITSIORARA now in use. Further reports of enemy activity in native gardens indicated considerable enemy strength in IBU area. Natives killed one enemy in WAKUNAI area.

3. 15 Jul 45 : C Coy Further recce of CAMERON'S HILL. Heavy bamboo and precipitous slopes on right, very steep but more open to left and rear. Enemy snipers active. Relief of A Coy in TOKUA area complete and relief of B Coy at WAKUNAI by A Coy commenced.

4. 16 Jul 45 : C Coy : Enemy continued to react sharply to approach of recce and harassing parties. MAPIA natives reported to ANGAU that Japanese troops had fired on them on NUMA NUMA Trail near BASE POINT 2.
5. 17 Jul 45 : G Coy : Standing patrol moving forward to an OP near CAMERON'S HILL located three enemy waiting in ambush. Enemy casualties were : Three killed including one 2nd Lieut. Documents, an Australian rifle and several Australian grenades were captured. Officer wore one old Australian boot. A possible approach from left rear of position located.
- B Coy Patrol 26 (Strength: 1 Offr 15 ORs) left to locate KUKUWABI. Duration: three days.
- D Coy Patrol 27 (Strength: 1 Offr 19 ORs) left for NASISIPOK area. Duration 3 days.
6. 18 Jul 45 : 13 Pl C Coy attacked CAMERON'S HILL with 15 Pl giving supporting fire. After heavy exchange of fire enemy vacated position leaving three dead, including one 2nd Lieut. A large amount of equipment captured included one JUKI and 300 rounds. This ammunition now being returned to enemy. Three swords, rifles, binoculars, packs - one containing three pairs new American type gaiters, a hand lighting set etc., suggested a HQ - possibly the Adv Bn HQ, 2 Bn, 81 Regt, we have been seeking. Officer wore Australian boots. Enemy succeeded in evacuating his LMGs. Position very well dug, as previously mentioned. Capable of holding 15/20 men. Patrols forward reported vacated small position with well constructed huts for 15/20 men 100 yards NORTH. Enemy movement seen 500 yards further on. Own casualties for the day: 3 wounded remaining on duty - own grenade.
- B Coy Patrol 26 returned. Located four enemy in Gardens - killed one.
- P.I.B. Patrol 28 left for MAPIA area. Strength - one pl. Duration : 2/3 days.
7. 19 Jul 45 : C Coy : Enemy chopping heard forward of CAMERON'S HILL at 0500 hrs. Arty and mortar fire called down P.I.B. patrol to rear of new enemy position while C Coy patrol advanced astride track. C Coy patrol moved through previously reported vacated position to new position - found vacated. Very well dug, field telephone found, latrines and weapon pits very recently used. Single enemy located 100 yards further NORTH, escaped. Enemy position located on small feature 400 yards NORTH of CAMERON'S HILL. P.I.B. engaged from rear with unobserved results. Arty registered target.
- D Coy patrol 27 returned. Reported engaging 6 enemy with grenade discharger. Results unobserved.
- P.I.B. Patrol 28 reported no enemy movement MAPIA area, heavy rain hampering visibility.
8. 20 Jul 45 : C Coy patrol occupied enemy position after light opposition - enemy vacated to position 100 yards N.E. from where he engaged patrol with LMG. Action proceeding. Four bodies found buried in second position reported in para 7.

9. As ground is now rapidly falling away and latest positions show track curving to NE, it is probable that the enemy is now making his last stand WEST of stream at 696190. This will be known as CHARLIE CREEK.

When resistance ends it is intended to base a company within easy reach of the crossing and harass the enemy on MAPIA SPUR with fighting patrols accompanied by F.O.O.

P.I.B. will be used in locating and harassing BASE POINT 2.

Further P.I.B. patrols are working in TOKUA and BURITSIORARA areas, commencing at TOKUA on 20 Jul 45. P.I.B. have given valuable service on recce during this past week, pl comds being particularly energetic.

2 Aust Mtn Bty continue to give excellent co-operation.

2 Pl 101 Hy Mortar have arrived but will not be allotted a role until the Coy base on CAMERON'S HILL area is established, transport of ammunition being more difficult than their services warrant. Pigeons are now being used. Two went A.W.L. towards IBU when released from TOKUA. Disciplinary action will be taken on return. A suggestion of a force of Provost Pigeons being raised is under consideration. Morale is high, and physical fitness is very satisfactory.

It is intended to replace G Coy with B Coy during period 23 - 25 Jul 45.

Capt McCONACHIE visited these HQs, and is familiar with various officer posting problems. Consideration of the return of Lt WRIGHT to unit is requested, during the coming month.

Adm and Supply continue to be very satisfactory.

Rations and supplies are particularly good and appreciated by all ranks.

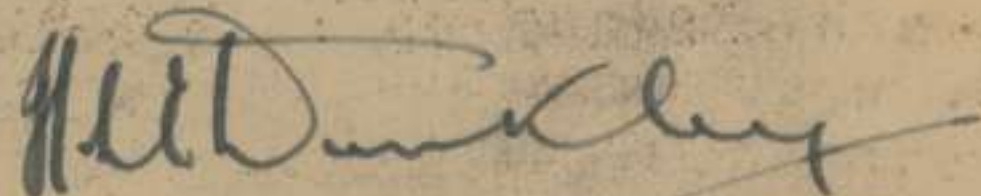
CASUALTIES UP TO 20 JUL 45 have been as follows :

(a) Enemy :	118 killed	10 probably killed	10 wounded.
(b) Own :	17 killed		36 wounded.

AMENITIES : Mr SHACKELL, Y.M.C.A. Representative, is particularly worthy of commendation, being tireless in his efforts to provide amenities for troops. Officer recreation is adequately provided by latest censorship instruction.

I will be reporting to Bde HQ on 27 Jul 45 as instructed.

Yours respectfully,



Lt-Col  
Comd 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF)

Ref Map IBU 1:25000

Patrol By : /7 Pl D CoyPatrol Strength : 2 NCOs 10 ORs 3 natives.Patrol Comd : Sjt FREEMAN.Nature of Patrol : Recce/Time Out : 210845L Time In : 221430L.Route Out : See Overlay.Route In : See Overlay.Object of Patrol : (a) To ascertain as near as possible exact posn of Jap gardens - NASISIPOK.  
(b) Whether or not Japs still occupy gardens.PART ONE

(a) Garden area is very extensive - the boundaries of same approx Map refs 627212 632214 626210 634210

(b) Japs were occupying huts in Garden on 21 Jun 45.

PART TWO1. TOPOGRAPHICAL : (a) Streams : Only creeks of any size crossed en route were at ek june 638193. Both streams 10 - 15 yds wide, very rocky and fast flowing into WAKUNAI RIVER.(b) Tracks : Main IBU Track followed for 800 yds from TOKUA is wide and well defined. If light fern growth were cleared from either side, track would be from 4 to 5 yds wide. Jeepable. Main IBU-SISIVIE track crossed at 627206 also wide, well defined. Could also be made jeepable. Neither track showed signs of recent use, except by our patrols. There are numerous tracks over entire route, all well defined. Garden area is surrounded by a maze of tracks, all well defined.(c) Ground : Area traversed by patrol generally flat except for steep climbs at 640014, 632203. Topography is more rugged in area of gardens. Jungle is not dense, visibility generally good. Undergrowth is light and movement off main tracks is possible without the necessity of chopping through undergrowth. From high ground WEST and SOUTH of gardens all country to the EAST can be seen; A Coy's camp at WAKUNAI is visible from map ref 623207.2. GENERAL : Action 21 Jul 45 : After leaving camp area patrol followed main IBU track for 800 yards then followed native pad to the left. Country flat for next 500 yards then dropped steeply 200 yds to ek june 638193. After crossing creek track climbs steeply to high ground 639194. From this point, going was fairly flat to 632203. From 632203 a long steep climb to high ground, then level going to WEST of garden area..

Patrol BIV area 625213 was reached at 1430, small patrol then scouted garden area, reported N M S.

Native scout left biv area at 1500 to recce garden, returned at 1700 reported 2 enemy digging approx 700 yds from biv area. Scout stated that patrol would not be able to reach this spot and return by dusk. Two pigeons were released with messages at 1430 but failed to return to left at BERRY'S HILL.

Action 22 Jul 45 : Native scouts left at daybreak with object of finding main track being used by carrying party from IBU. Returned at 0845 and reported no recent movement, to or from IBU as tracks had not been used. So original idea of ambush had to be abandoned.

Patrol left biv area 0850 and probed all round gardens and surrounding tracks for 2 1/2 hours. Fired 8 grenades into huts approx 627211, results unobserved except that 3 - 4 direct hits were seen by scout who would not approach nearer to huts as they were situated on upper slopes of ridge and could be approached only by climbing steeply.

Native scout found tracks which he was certain were made by pro Jap Kanakas. The three natives with our patrol seemed worried about the presence of Kanakas, so eldest native took bayonet and grenades and tried to locate him but was unable to do so. Patrol then returned to TOKUA via route out, arriving biv area 1500 hrs.

REMARKS : Native scout, THOMAS, exceptionally intelligent. Spoke excellent pidgin and had a thorough knowledge of the entire area. Second scout not so easy to converse with but he worked well. The older native is from RURAVO and met patrol on route out at 627206. He was very anxious to kill pro Jap Kanaka believed to be in garden area.

MARCHING TIMES :

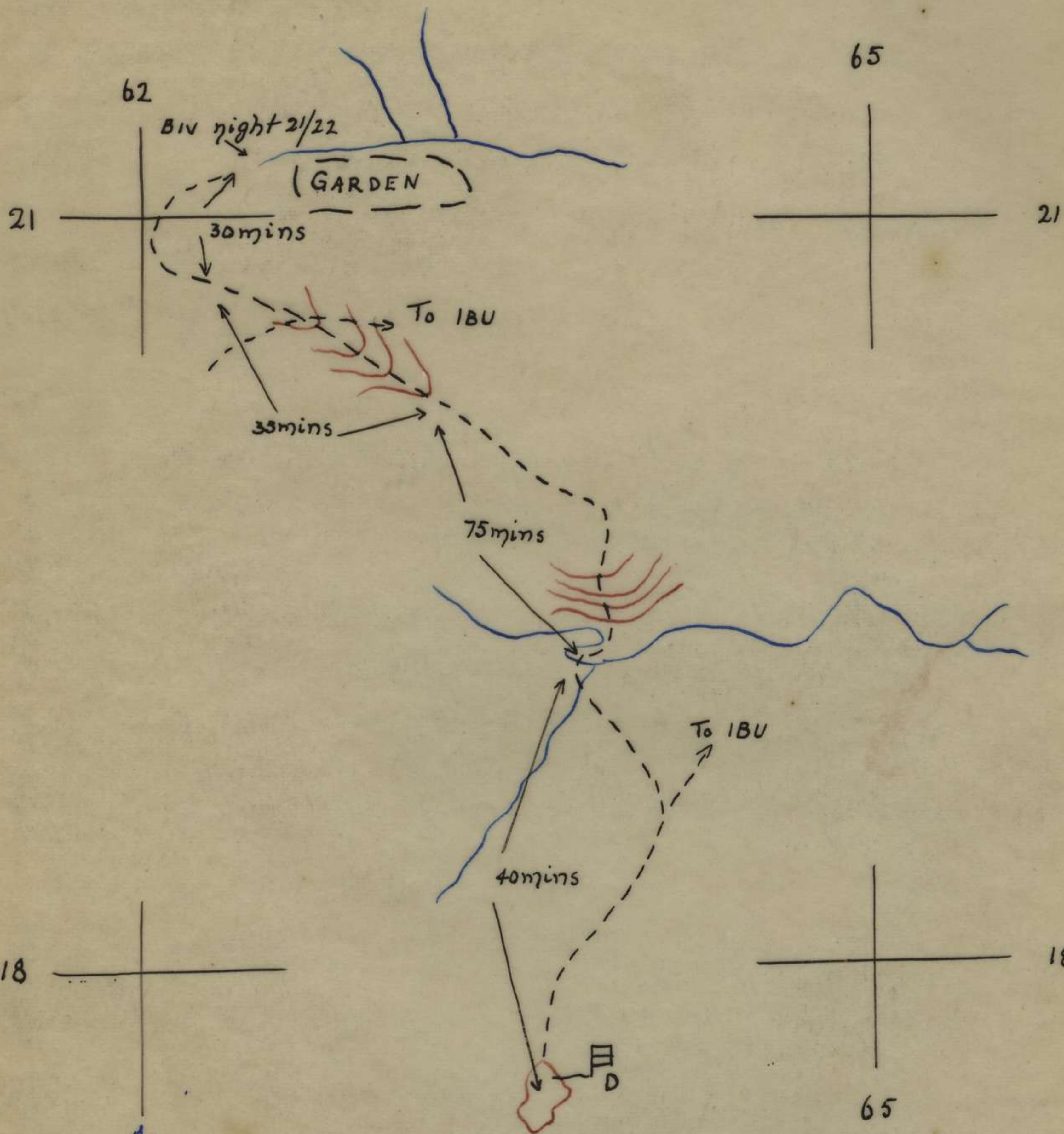
<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Route Out</u>	<u>Route In</u>
Camp (TOKUA)	ck junc 628193	40 mins	Times over "Route In"
Ck junc	632203	75 mins	slightly less as
632203	623207	35 mins	going is generally
623207	625213	30 mins	downhill.

Sgd G. PYLE . PTE.



# Overlay of Route taken by Patrol No 29

Ref Map IBU  
KOWARO } 1:25000



INT SEC  
7 BN  
29 JUL 45.

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Ref Map : IBU 1:25000

27 Jul 45.

Patrol Comd : Lt J MURPHY.Patrol By : 16 Pl D Coy.Patrol Strength : 10 offr 12 ORs Plus 1 Pl P.I.B.Time Out : 0830 24 Jul 45 Time In : 1530 26 Jul 45.Object of Patrol : (a) Ascertain if enemy was still in possession of  
NASISIPOK Garden.  
(b) Harass and inflict casualties and gain possession  
of enemy position.Briefed By : Capt ROBERTS OC D Coy.Casualties : Enemy : 10 killed 5 probables.  
Own : 1 killed 4 wounded (incl 1 native scout).Equipment and Documents captured : Nil.PART I

(a) Found the enemy still in occupation of NASISIPOK. He was located on a small knoll with only one approach along a small razor back ridge leading up to the position.

(b) Harassed position on evening 24 Jul 45 with 2 secs P.I.B.

(c) Enemy harassed 25 Jul 45 by (morning) one sec 16 Pl (Noon) one sec 16 Pl.

26 Jul enemy posn harassed by 2 sec 16 Pl and 1 sec P.I.B.

DEDUCTIONS: The enemy is apparently determined to hold this position and has considerably reinforced this position since last week with both manpower and fire power. This posn is in my opinion occupied by a party whose job is to cut the food for his garrison at IBU, and also to deny garden to us.

PART II

1. Tracks : As contained in report No 29. Creeks : One small ck runs approx 20 yds from enemy posn in NASISIPOK GARDEN. ck approx N N W^{of} posn.

2. Vegetation : Small rich patches of garden overgrown in majority of places. Thick jungle around enemy posn at bottom of garden.

3. Ops : At least four good OPs are located on ridge, occupied by NASISIPOK village. Enemy posn can be located by large tree on enemy held ridge. This is about only means of identifying enemy posn from these OPs.

4. Ambush Posns : Majority of tracks in this area will afford good ambush posns. ~~xxxxxxx~~

5. Villages, natives etc : As contained in previous report.

6. Reliability of Map : Not reliable.

7. ACTION Day 1 (Own) : At approx 1600 hrs 24 Jul 45 two secs of PIB plus 2 offrs set out to recce for enemy posn. Posn was located approx 300 yds EAST of NASISIPOK Village, on a narrow ridge running approx NORTH and SOUTH. A track led into this posn from SOUTH. Posn is only on small steep sided knoll on NORTH end of ridge. One sec of PIB held on track entrance and one sec circled around from WEST and crawled up to enemy posn and opened fire on a group of 11 of the enemy. The enemy immediately opened fire on this sec with one LMG. The sec holding on the track also fired, and enemy returned their fire. After enemy recovered from surprise he returned a heavy concentration of fire on both our secs, and patrol retired. Enemy casualties : 8 killed, 4 probables. Own : Nil.

(2)

Day 2 : Morning : One sec 16 Pl moved around rear of enemy posn with intention of (a) finding enemy's exit track  
(b) gaining entrance to enemy posn  
(c) If possible ambush his exit track.

Patrol did not locate track but climbed up steep slope in rear of enemy posn and located one Jap sawing bamboos. They observed from this posn for approx 15 mins, then killed one Jap with OSMG fire and were immediately fired on by one HMG. They retired. Casualties :  
Enemy - 1 killed      Own : Nil.

Afternoon : At approx 1500 hrs one sec 16 Pl moved out with intention of (a) harassing enemy.

(b) booby trap his water hole,  
and (c) inflict casualties.

This sec moved into enemy posn from frontal approach and booby trapped his water point. They then fired on enemy posn but fire was NOT returned by enemy. Result of fire was NOT observed by our patrol. Enemy were still in posn. Casualties : Enemy - Nil. Own - Nil.

Day 3 : At approx 0700 two secs 16 Pl plus 1 sec PIB moved down to enemy posn with the intention of : (a) Harassing enemy  
(b) Gain entrance to his posn.

Direction of approach was from WEST (Frontal entrance). One Bren was placed on enemy ridge approx 40 yds from enemy posn. One Bren on left flank and one Bren in centre plus own support weapons e.g. Owens discharger and rifles. We opened fire on the enemy and enemy held his fire for a while. He returned fire of two flanking secs, but only moderately. Sections were ordered to retire back uphill to our base and the right flanking sec which had been in position on enemy ridge whilst crossing a small patch of garden were fired on from enemy ridge, by one LMG. Casualties : Enemy : 1 killed and one probable. Own : 1 killed 3 wounded (incl 1 native scout). During night one booby trap around enemy water point was heard to explode and also another booby trap exploded in this vicinity just after enemy had fired on the patrol moving across open garden patch.

ENEMY WEAPONS, PHYSICAL CONDITION, ETC : Enemy strength approx 25 to 30  
Weapons : at least two LMG and one HMG. Physical condition was apparently good. One enemy killed on day 2 was approx 6 feet and weighed about 14 stone. Other patrol reported enemy to be in good physical condition.

Enemy Position : Main defences appear to be in rear. He has his LMG and HMG in rear. Frontal approach is by narrow razor back ridge approx 4 yds wide and very easy to defend.

DEDUCTIONS : The Jap is determined to hold this posn and is aggressive enough to come out and fight, so his physical condition appears to be good, besides the fact of the productivity of these gardens which still have any amount of taro sweet potatoes yams etc left in them.

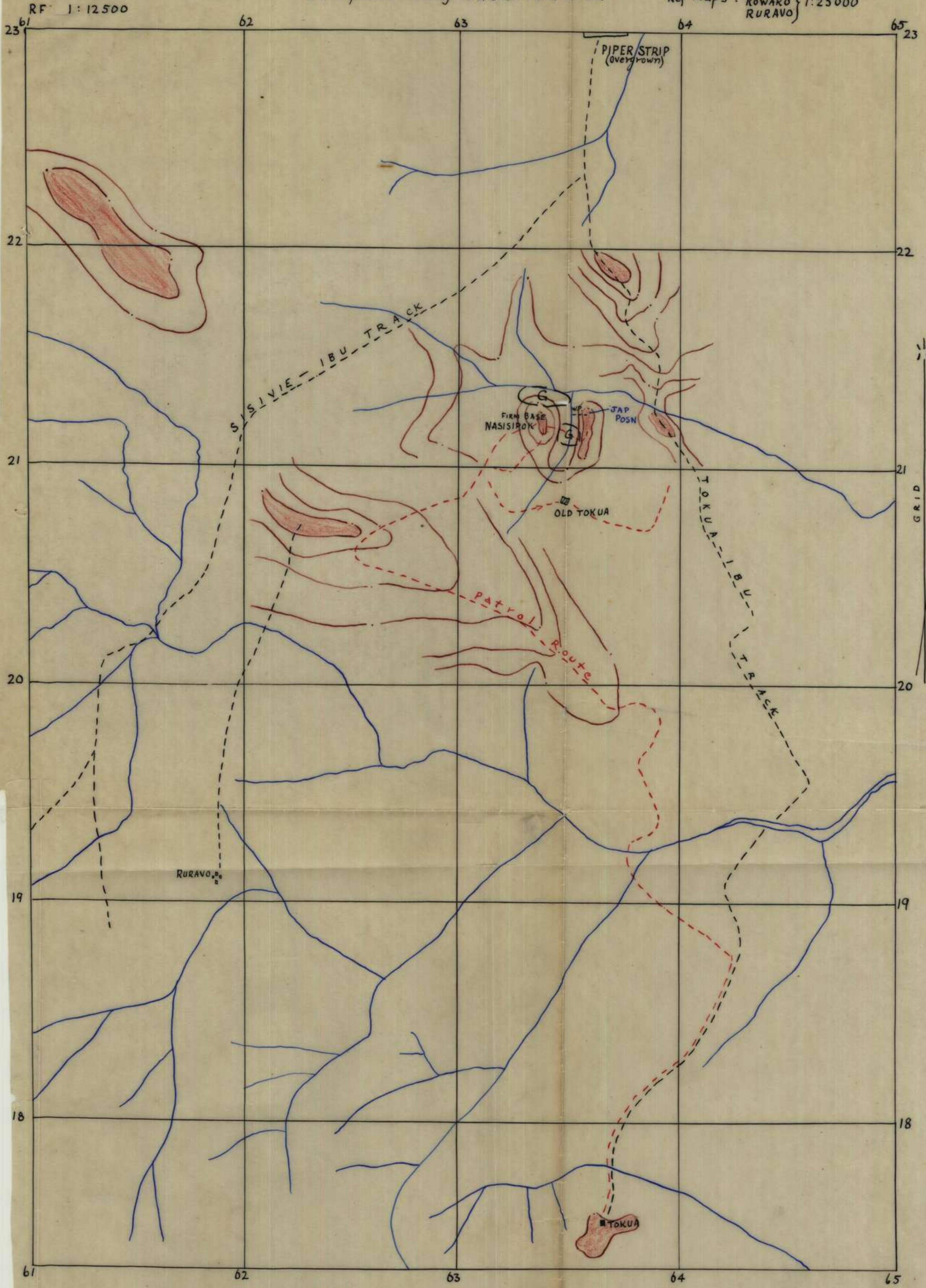
GENERAL : Re the report of the pro Jap kanaka by our last patrol No 29, I think that this report can be clarified by the following :  
On arrival at NASISIPOK on day 1 our patrol surprised a party of natives approx 6, in the garden, cutting taro etc. On our approach they fled, having six large bundles of kai. On questioning our guides, I find out that they were natives from around RURAVU who were stealing the kai for themselves. On Day 2, these natives returned looking for their kai and on being asked why they fled they replied that they thought we were Japs. The reason for their being there was the fact that some of the guides with us were from the same village and they had told them that the Australians were around the gardens and it was safe for them to come out and cut their food. Originally these gardens belonged to them. This should explain the reason why part eaten fruit has been found around this area and also the origin of the kanaka tracks previously reported as made by pro Jap kanakas.

Appx - Overlay showing route taken. (Sgd) J MURPHY Lt

# ENLARGEMENT

Showing Route taken by Patrol N° 31 and Patrols  
Interpretation of NASISIPOK Area

Ref Maps :  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{IBU} \\ \text{KOWARO} \\ \text{RURAVO} \end{array} \right\} 1:25000$



YDS 500 400 300 200 100 0 300 1000 YDS

SCALE 1 INCH TO 352 YDS

Prepared by INT SEC  
7 AUST INF BN A.I.F.  
30 JUL 45

Ref Map : IBU 1:25000

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27 Jul 45.Patrol Comd : Lt L DONALDPatrol By : 7 Pl "A" Coy.Patrol Strength : 1 Offr 9 ORs 3 native guides.Route Out : Coy area to ck-river junc 697246. Track up feature to KUKUWAIA 688249 followed from here. Thence along track NE to 698258. From here guides led patrol across country to FIRM BASE 689269 and then on to objective (see overlay attached).Route In : Reverse of route out.Time Out : 260815L Time In : 271015L.Object of Patrol : (a) Investigate native report that enemy using EVIAN as a staging point for food parties moving to gardens to SOUTH.  
(b) Harass and inflict casualties on the enemy, if possible.Brief by : OC A CoyCasualties : Enemy : 7 killed Own : Nil.Equipment and documents captured : Nil.PART I

EVIAN found to be at approx map ref 675275. Recce revealed enemy living in two native type huts. No weapon pits or defensive posns seen.

PART IITOPOGRAPHICAL : (a) Tracks : Track was followed to 698258. Track to here well defined and easy to follow. Fairly steep climb from 697246 for 20 mins to KUKUWAIA. Track then follows ridge to 698258.(b) Creeks : Several small creeks crossed and followed along route taken. Creeks crossed at 689269 and 676275 - 10 yds to 15 yds wide and 9 ins deep.(c) Vegetation : Med rain forest throughout with light undergrowth. Few coconut trees at KUKUWAIA and banana palms at EVIAN.(d) Ambush Posns : Ambushes could be set almost anywhere along route.(e) Ops : Nil. (f) SDs : Nil(g) Villages : KUKUWABI 680271 old deserted village. One hut.(h) Natives : None seen.(i) Bivouac Areas : At firm base 689269. Suitable area for Pl.(j) Reliability of Map : Map appeared fairly accurate.ACTION - OWN : Day 1 : Firm base established 689269 at 261000L. At 1200 hrs patrol comd, 3 ORs and native guide left to recce enemy posn at EVIAN. Patrol reached point of observation at 1230 hrs behind fallen trees in banana patch 30 yds from nearest hut. Two native type huts were observed in cleared area to front, and lean to 40 yds to left. No defensive posns seen and only three enemy seen in two huts. Sentry was observed moving up and down spur to right. Patrol withdrew at 1330 hrs and returned to firm base.Day 2 : Patrol moved out at 0500 hrs to KUKUWABI. Patrol then moved to posn of observation of previous day. At 0615 hrs patrol moved forward to within 10 yds of nearest hut. At this point seven enemy were seen in the two huts. One of these was fully dressed and moving about hut, others were either lying down or asleep. At 0630 hrs the one Jap moved out of hut toward patrol, at which stage the signal to open fire was given. Eight grenades were thrown into the two huts, Bren, OSMGs and rifles also opening fire which lasted about 30 secs. Portion of the roof of one hut was seen to collapse and it is considered certain that all seven enemy were killed. Patrol then ceased fire and awaited action by the enemy. One Jap, previously unobserved, fired a few wild shots at patrol from behind large log forward of hut and two sentries on spur to rear, also unobserved, opened fire on patrol. Patrol then withdrew, arriving coy area at 1015 hrs.

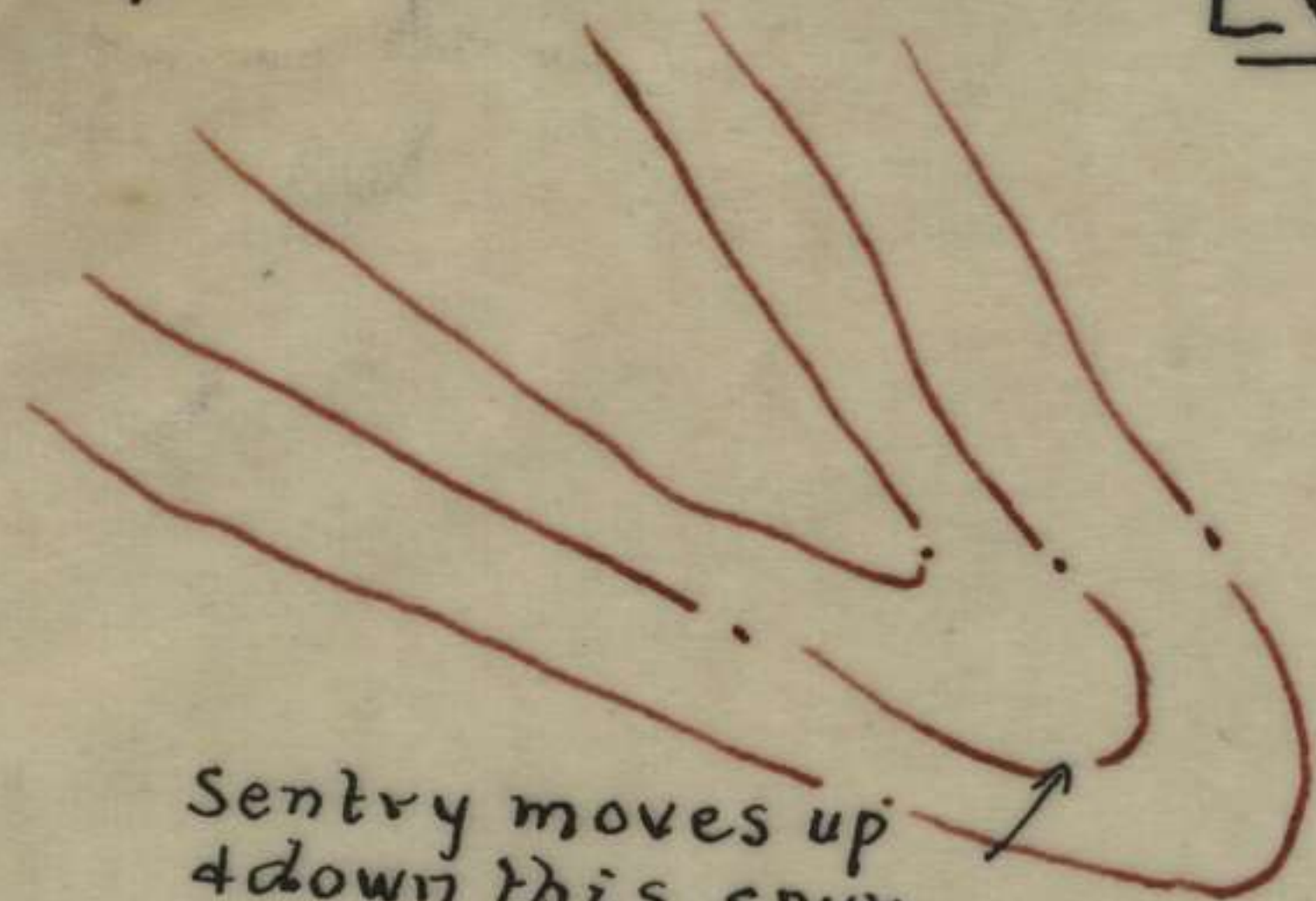


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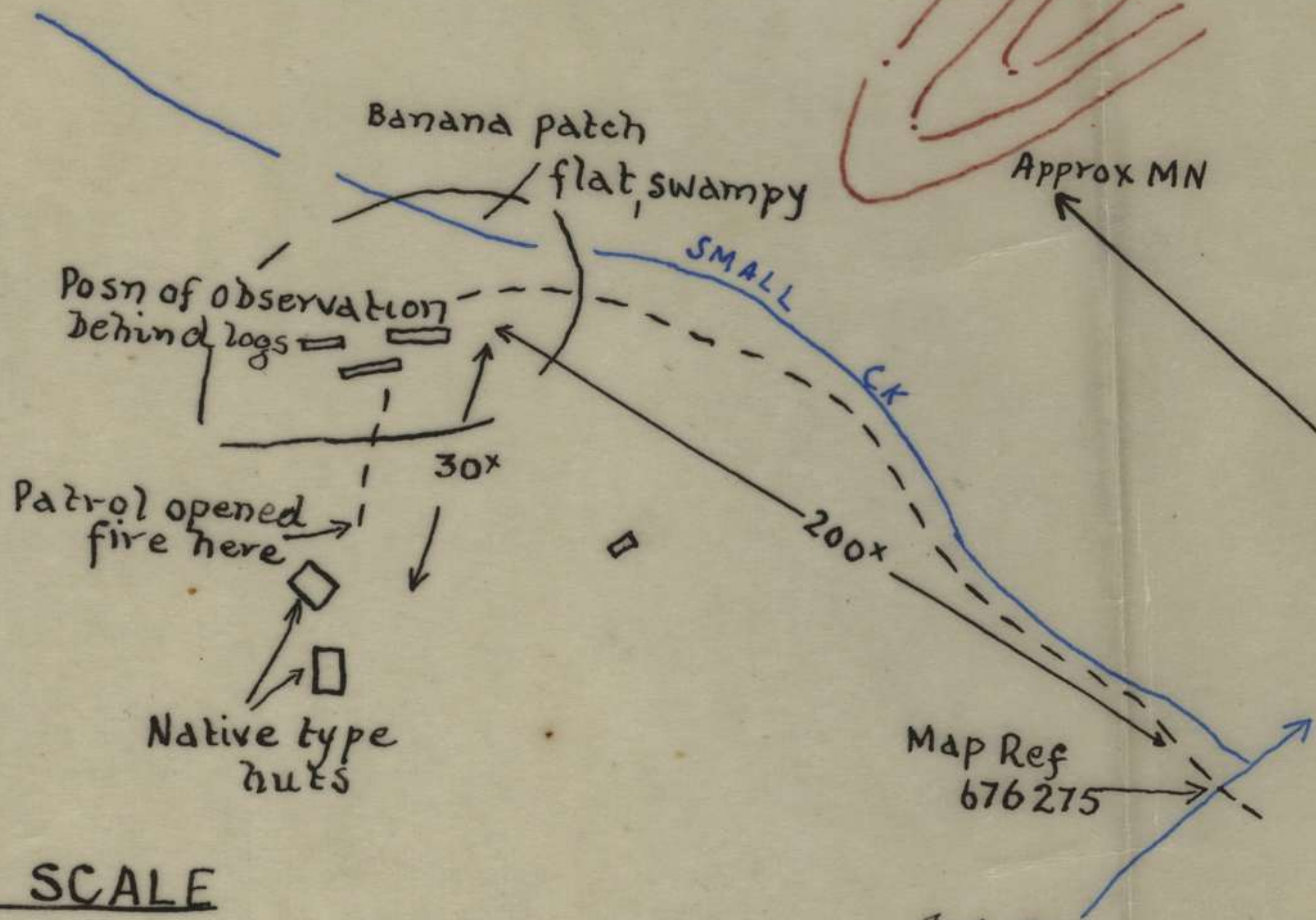
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Ref Map: PIPAPAIA 1:25000

EVIAN 676275



Sentry moves up  
& down this spur  
(believed to be track  
to BURITSIOTORARA)



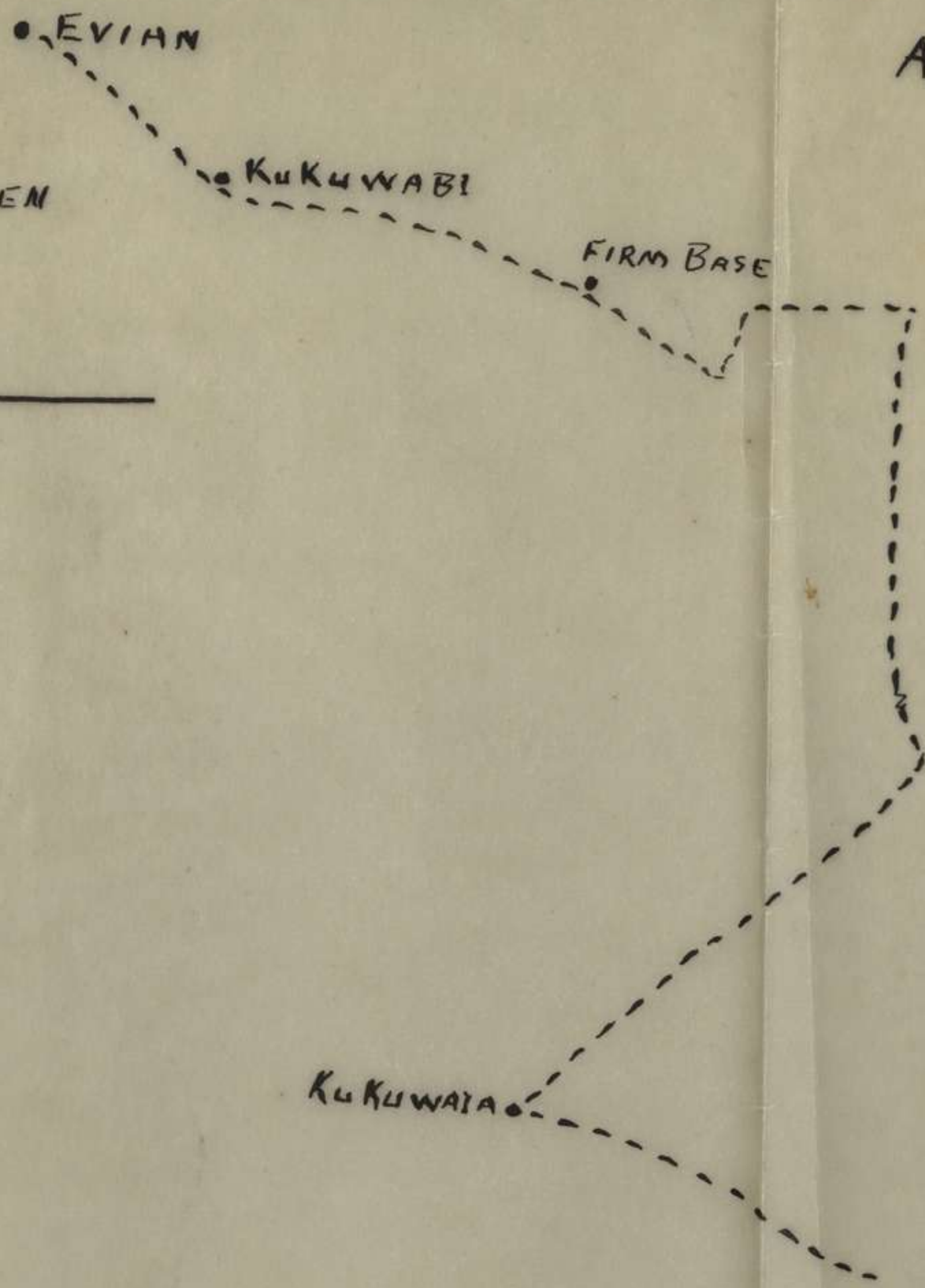
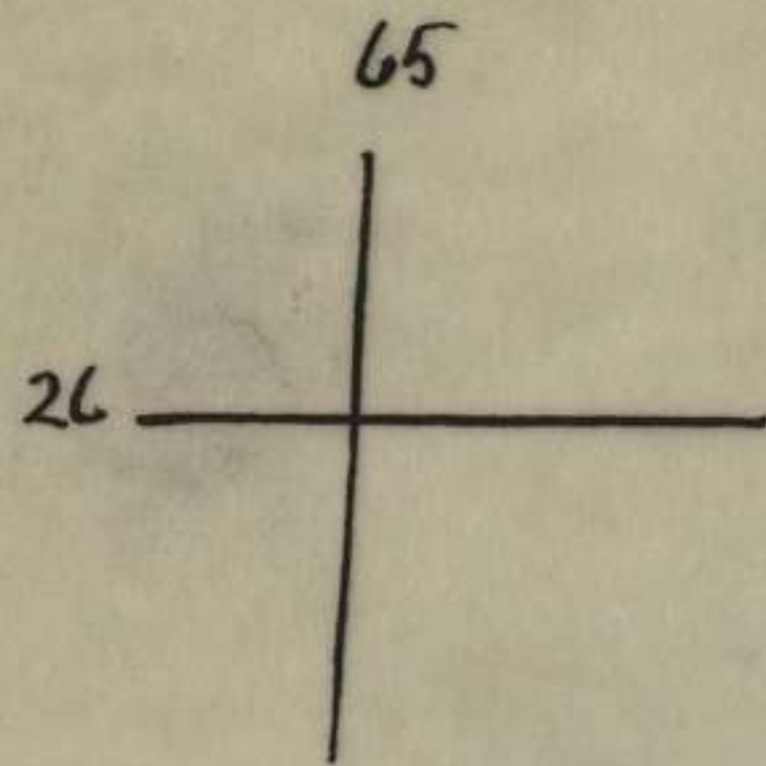
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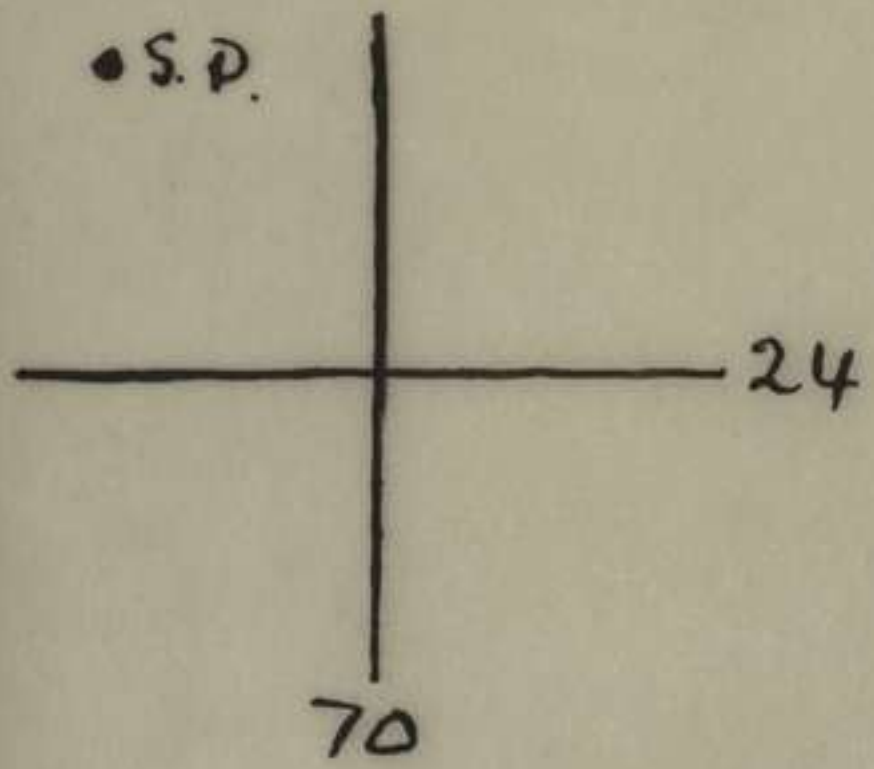
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OVERLAY SHOWING ROUTE TAKEN  
By PATROL 32.  
REF MAP:- IBW 1:25000

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KUKUWATA



"I" Sec 7 Aust Inf Bn AIF 31 JUL 45



Ref Maps : IBU 1:25000  
INUS "  
NUMA NUMA "

Patrol Comd : Lt I MCKENZIE

Patrol By : 9 Pl A Coy

Patrol Strength : 1 Offr 15 ORs 2 Sigs 1 SB 1 Native Guide

Route Taken : See Attached Overlay.

Time Out : 240900L

Time In : 281530L

Object of Patrol : (a) ascertain if enemy is in occupation of features 729283 and 738294.

(b) Recce fwd to coast between WAKUNAI and TIOKONA RIVERS and ambush coastal L of C

Briefed By : OG A Coy.

Casualties : Enemy : Nil. Own : Nil.

Equipment and documents captured : Nil.

### PART I

- (a) Signs of enemy occupation of feature 738294. No enemy at 729283.  
(b) Coastal L of C not ambushed. Scout would not move beyond TEIKON.

### PART II

TOPOGRAPHICAL : (a) Tracks : Struck track along top of ridge at old native village URAITULA 702260. From here to ARETEPAIA 699280 track narrow but well defined and easy to follow. Down grade URAITULA to ARARURA RIVER 700272, then up steep climb to ARETAPAIA. Track from here followed to river at 709282 on second day. From here patrol made own track for remainder of journey until track at 732289 was cut. This track is hard to locate in places but native guide stated that it goes through to IBU. Branch track to left at 735290 leads to reported Jap HQ at ASUSUPAIA 766293.

(b) Creeks and Rivers : ARARURA RIVER crossed at 700272 and is tributary of TIOKONA River to 739317. River is 15 yds - 20 yds wide and 2 ft - 4 ft deep. Many small creeks crossed on route.

(c) Vegetation : Virgin jungle with thick undergrowth throughout. From ARETEPAIA forward many bamboo patches. Undergrowth around TEIKON very dense. Coconut trees on top of most high features.

(d) Villages, Huts : Old deserted native village with broken down lean-tos at 702260 known as URAITULA. Firm base ARETEPAIA inhabited by friendly natives. Abundant supply chokes at this village.

(e) Dropping Grounds : ARETEPAIA could be made suitable with little labour.

(f) NATIVES : At ARETEPAIA approx 10 natives in poor physical condition. Some had Aust 36 grenades and at least two carried Jap rifles. Two of these natives returned with patrol on last day to see ANGAU representative.

(g) Bivouac Sites : ARETEPAIA suitable area for coy. Firm base at 727291 excellent area for Pl.

(h) Reliability of Map : NUMA NUMA 1:25000 sheet most inadequate. Many fairly large features not shown. Feature at 738294 is considered much higher than shown. Estimated at 1000 ft - 1200 ft.

ACTION : Day 1 : Move to ARETEPAIA.

Day 2 : " " Firm Base 734306.

Day 3 : Left firm base 0830 hours, 1 offr 8 ORs and native guide and made own track in an EASTERLY direction towards coast. Undergrowth in this area very dense and patrol was forced to cut track in places. Native scout did not know location of TEIKON or of any Japs in area. At 1000 hrs while patrol was resting sounds of a rooster crowing was heard about 100 yds away and the sound of daxies rattling. Heard also considerable talking and shouting. This point was about 500 yds from beach and native guide would not proceed farther stating that Japs would come in behind patrol. Patrol withdrew and arrived firm base 1145

hrs. At 1500 hrs eeeee-ing and other shouting was heard to NORTH and later to EAST of firm base. TEIKON at map ref 747315.

Day 4 : Patrol left firm base 0830 hrs and moved out in direction feature 738294. At 1200 hrs patrol reached a point 100 yds from top of feature. Patrol comd, guide and 2 ORs moved forward to recce area and found track leading from small creek presumably a WP about 15 yds from top of feature bearing fresh bootprints made that morning leading up feature. Very steep bank and bamboo prevented closer recce of feature. Whole patrol then moved round 60 to 80 yds below main crest and cut main track 100 yds NORTH of highest point of feature. This track was followed to 732289. Patrol then branched off along old native pad running NW down spur. Firm base established at bottom of spur at 727291.

Day 5 : Patrol left firm base 0830 hrs and moved SE to top of feature at 726281. Reached top at 0915 hrs and no sign of enemy seen. Patrol then moved NW to ARARURA RIVER at 709282 along old native pad. A large tree had recently been cut down and ginger bush gathered and taken away between main track and 709282. Patrol arrived ARETEPAIA 1100 hrs, departed 1230 hrs and arrived coy area 1445 hrs.

ENEMY : Enemy heard at TEIKON 747315 in considerable numbers. Considered possible HQ by presence of poultry. Native guides say that pro Japanese natives are posted on all tracks and on WAKUNAI RIVER and are constantly on the lookout.

TIMINGS :

DAY	FROM	TO	TIME	REMARKS
1	Coy Area	ARETEPAIA	3½ hrs	Scouting and going fairly slow
2	ARETEPAIA	709282	2½ hrs	do
2	709282	734306	2½ hrs	do
3	754306	TEIKON 747315	1½ hrs	do
	747315	734306	1½ hrs	do
4	734306	738294	2½ hrs	do
	738294	727291	3½ hrs	do
5	727291	ARETEPAIA	1 3/4 hrs	Good going - not scouting.
	ARETEPAIA	Coy Area	2½ hrs	

Appendix : Overlay showing route taken.

Signed I M McKENZIE Lt  
Patrol Commander.



7 AUST INF BN (AIF) PATROL REPORT NO 34.

C O N F I D E N T I A L

2 Aug 45

Ref Maps : IBU )  
PIPIPAIA) 1 : 25000

Patrol Comd : Lt MCPHEE

Patrol by : B Pl A Coy

Patrol Strength : 1 Offr 15 ORs, 1 SB & native guide.

Route Out : Coy Area - track river junc 684239 - ARIVULU  
672242 - AMUITIPAIA 668246 then NORTH along  
kanaka track to firm base 666279 (see overlay)

Route In : Reverse to route out

Time out : 300930L

Time In : 311715L

Object of Patrol : (a) Recce enemy posn BURITSIOTORARA  
672283 and locate likely approaches.

(b) Harass enemy if opportunity arises.

Briefed By : Coy Comd

Casualties : Enemy - 4 Killed  
Own - Nil

Eqpt & Docs Captured : Nil

PART I

(a) Enemy posn located on track junc 672283. Approaches from SOUTH poor. Steep approach to posn - thick undergrowth extends close to posn. Sounds of chopping and talking heard. No weapon pits located. Line of approach in this direction is overlooked by IBU track on ridge to right.

(b) Enemy party entering BURITSIOTORARA from SOUTH ambushed at 672280.

PART II

1. TOPOGRAPHICAL

(a) TRACKS Track followed from Coy area to junc at 684239 thence up fairly steep climb to ARIVULU at 672242. Patrol then moved N along old kanaka track through AMUITIPAIA to firm base at 666279. This track well-defined but seldom used - several sharp up and down grades. KIAP RD crossed at 664257 on ridge 15" - 20" wide, KIAP RD 2' wide and well-defined. Fairly steep climb up to this track from SOUTH and down grade other side. Guide went to some trouble to cover our track at this point. He stated that Japs did not know of existence of track, also that KIAP RD was only track in area used to any extent by Japs, and then usually only once every four or five days. Last 600' of

track before BURITSIOTORARA along small creek, ground swampy. This track had been used by previous patrols. Track crossed at 668249, kanaka track used on one or two occasions by Japs moving to KUKUWABI.

- (b) GREEKS Many small creeks crossed en route.
- (c) VEGETATION Medium jungle throughout. Several native gardens along track to NORTH of and at AMUITIPAIA 668246. Paw-paws plentiful.
- (d) OPS Nil
- (e) SUPPLY DROPPING AREAS AMUITIPAIA could be cleared with little labour.
- (f) VILLAGES ARIVULU 672242. Three huts seen occupied by 8-10 natives. AMUITIPAIA deserted village in garden area. Several huts seen.
- (g) BIVOUAC AREAS Several suitable areas passed. Good P1 area at firm base 666279.
- (h) RELIABILITY OF MAP Appeared fairly accurate.

## 2. ACTION OWN

Day 1 : Left camp area 0930 hrs arrived firm base 666279 at 1700 hrs.

Day 2 : Moved out 0800 hrs along track towards BURITSIOTORARA. Patrol moved to within 250^x of enemy posn which was reached at 0900 hrs. Ground in this area swampy with several small creeks. Patrol Comd and 3 ORs then moved forward up sharp spur, but were unable to observe enemy posn because of thick undergrowth and difficult approach. This line of approach overlooked by IBU track on parallel ridge to right. Patrol then withdrew and moved around to right to investigate IBU track and posn from NORTH. At 1115 hrs while patrol was in vicinity of IBU track at 672280 movement was heard to SOUTH. Six Japs were then observed moving toward patrol and into BURITSIOTORARA. Patrol opened fire at short range and killed first four Japs. Remaining two immediately took cover and fired on patrol with rifles. Because of proximity to enemy posn patrol was forced to withdraw. While patrol was pulling out fire was heard almost immediately from BURITSIOTORARA, and two grenades were thrown by the two enemy who dispersed on contact. Patrol joined main body and returned camp area along same track used on route out. Arrived Coy area 1715 hrs.

ENEMY Enemy killed were in good physical condition and clothing in good condition, armed with rifles and carrying packs. Leading Jap who was very well dressed and well groomed wore badges of rank with 3 stars on collar of shirt. Patrol was unable to see patch clearly, but it is thought that the wearer may have been a captain.

DEDUCTIONS Native scout stated when crossing IBU track on return journey that it had not been used that day and that Japs killed may have come from either PIPIPAIA and EVIAN.

TIMINGS

Out

Coy Area	684239	35 mins
684239	AMUITIPAIA	40 mins
AMUITIPAIA	IBU track 664257	55 mins
664257	666279	2½ hrs
666279	BURITSIOTORARA	1 hr

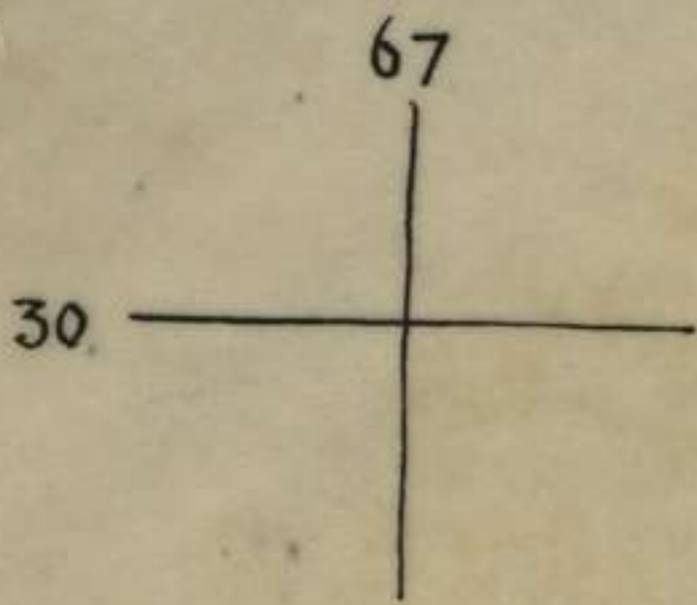
In

666279	664257	2½ hrs
664257	684239	1½ hrs
684239	Coy Area	45 mins

(Signed) Lt MCPHEE  
Patrol Comd

# Overlay of Route taken by Patrol N°34

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PIPIPAIA } 1:25000



BURITSIOTORARA

x Enemy ambushed here

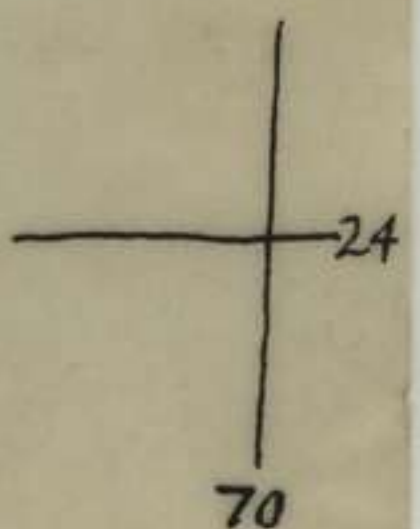
KIAP RD

To ASUIEPAIA

To KUKUWABI

ARIVULU

S.P.



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4 AUG 45

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HQ 7 Aust Inf Bn (AIF),

2 Aug 45.

Brig A W Potts DSO MC  
 Comd 23 Aust Inf Bde

Dear Sir,

The report on operations in this sector for the period 20 Jul 45 to date is as follows :

1. 20 Jul 45 : C Coy Following the occupation of enemy posn as reported in my report of 20 Jul 45 the coy consolidated gains. An enemy position 100 yds NORTH was harassed by arty and mortar.
2. 21 Jul 45 : C Coy and PIB patrols carried out a close recce of enemy posn, track now swinging EAST to CHARLIE CREEK. Enemy movement observed. 3 enemy positions located along track between C Coy and CHARLIE CREEK.  
  
D Coy patrol 29 (Strength 1 Offr 11 ORs ) left to recce NASISIPOK. Duration 2 days  
  
A Coy Relief of B Coy by A Coy continued.
3. 22 Jul 45 : PIB patrol killed 7 enemy fwd of C Coy by stalking listening posts.  
  
D Coy patrol 29 returned. No movement seen.
4. 23 Jul 45 : C Coy : After arty mortar and MG preparation 14 Pl occupied fwd enemy posn. Enemy vacated during fire programme. Four bodies from previous day's PIB action located. Own casualties : One wounded. Fire was drawn from second enemy posn 100 yds EAST. During night 23/24 aircraft heard at NUMA NUMA.
5. 24 Jul 45 : B Coy : One Pl B Coy relieved one Pl C Coy  
  
C Coy : Recce of enemy position disclosed - well dug and bunkered posn. Arty & mortars registered.  
  
D Coy : Patrol 31 of one Pl PIB with two secs D Coy engaged enemy position at NASISIPOK, killing 8 enemy and probably another 5. Eleven more Japs were seen. Posn well dug and defended. Own Cas : One PIB Offr slightly wounded.  
  
A Coy : Patrol 30 (Strength 1 Offr 18 ORs) left to establish base and patrol to coast. Duration 3 days.
6. 25 Jul 45 : B Coy relief of C Coy complete. C Coy now resting at Post 9. Five bunkers now located on enemy posn. Harassing continued.  
D Coy : Patrol 31 continued harassing NASISIPOK, killing one enemy.
7. 26 Jul 45 : B Coy : Recce of enemy posn continued.  
  
D Coy : Patrol 31 engaged by enemy with JUKI and LMG. Casualties : Enemy - One killed. Own : 1 killed 3 wounded (one a native). Enemy occupy ridge in centre of basin overlooking gardens.  
A Coy : Patrol 32 (Strength 1 Offr and 9 ORs) left to investigate EVIAN Staging Camp.



8. 27 Jul 45 : B Coy : One pl attacked enemy fwd position; enemy again vacated during fire programme. This attack went in soon after dawn and it would appear that enemy had moved back to a posn in rear to avoid arty programme, leaving only a token garrison. Twelve well sited bunkers were occupied without casualties. Snipers opposed any further advance. Recce proceeded.

Own casualties : 4 wounded. An extensive enemy posn located 400 yds NE.

A Coy : Patrol 32 contacted enemy in staging camp at EVIAN (674272). Casualties : Enemy - 7 killed. Own - Nil.

9. 28 Jul 45 : A Coy Patrol 30 returned reporting enemy in strength at TEIKOH (737319) also movement between 729 283 and 738294.

B Coy : PIB Pl killed two Japs 100 yds fwd of 10 Pl.

D Coy : Patrol 33 (Strength 1 Offr 15 ORs) D Coy and 8 Pl PIB moved out to harass NASISIPOK. Duration 4 days.

10. 29 Jul 45 : B Coy : PIB pl again contacted enemy listening post killing one enemy sentry.

D Coy : patrol 33. Reported signs of enemy movement NASISIPOK - IBU.

11. 30 Jul 45 : B Coy Intensive patrolling of enemy posn throughout day. Arty and mortar carried out harassing tasks.

A Coy : Patrol 34 (Strength 1 Offr 16 ORs) left to harass BURITSIORARA. Duration 3 days.

12. 31 Jul 45 : A Coy patrol 34 ambushed six enemy well armed carrying packs, killing four incl one captain.

B Coy : 10 Pl moved forward, capturing enemy forward posn; one enemy body recovered. Posn found to consist of double feature one hundred yds in depth, rear very heavily defended with automatics, JUKI three snipers. Casualties : Own - 3 killed.  
enemy : 2 killed 1 Probably killed 1 Wounded  
10 Pl consolidated gain.

D Coy : Patrol 33 returned having found no enemy at IBU strip.

13. 1 Aug 45 : B Coy Recce of enemy posn by B Coy and PIB. Ambush set on CHARLIE CREEK sig wires cut. This feature now last enemy held posn west of CHARLIE CK, consisting of forked ridges heavily bunkered, precipitous sides. Ambush to be continuous relieved daily.

D Coy : BC 2 Mtn Bty with protective patrol moved out to range on NASISIPOK. Found range at extreme range fell 200 yds short. Moving guns to post 12.

14. 2 Aug 45 : A Coy Patrol 35 (Strength 1 Offr 12 ORs) left to recce IBU. Duration 4 days.

B Coy : Enemy posn now accurately mapped. Airstrike called for 6 Aug. Ambush party report no movement across CHARLIE CREEK.

D Coy : Local one day recce patrol west of NASISIPOK located further enemy posn at least three bunkers in garden area. Details following .

15. From determined efforts to defend NASISIPOK and prompt reinforcing of his posn there following casualties, it is apparent that the enemy places a high value on the rich gardens in this vicinity.

On the NUMA TRAIL he continues to fight a stubborn rear guard action, but was caught napping twice by a deviation of our usual procedure of attack. He seems determined to hold his last defensible position WEST of CHARLIE CREEK in strength. An airstrike arranged for 6 Aug may change his mind; if he still remains in posn further harassing by mortar etc will take place as this posn appears to be stronger than usual in fire power and siting.

LESSONS LEARNT : The value of varying procedure for attack of def posns was illustrated by the ease with which strong posns were ~~run~~ overrun on 22 Jul 45 and 27 Jul 45. Both these attacks followed in a dawn arty programme. Past procedure was a night of harassing stepped up about 0930 hrs with inf advance about 1000 hrs. The enemy apparently in both cases moved to a reserve posn 100 - 150 yds in rear during hours of darkness to avoid harassing fire.

Use of 77 Grenades from discharger cup has already been reported verbally. They continue to give valuable service against bunkered posns.

FUTURE OPS : The GOC 2 Aust Corps visited this area 2 Aug 45 and appeared satisfied with ops generally. He gave permission for the unit to continue present tactics along NUMA TRAIL with due regard to incurring minimum casualties.

As this lifts the boundary of CHARLIE CREEK it is intended to maintain a Coy fwd on this trail. A Coy will be given their chance to take over this role in approx a fortnight. All Coys will then have been blooded in this particular type of operation.

In TOKUA area one gun of 2 Mtn Bty will be installed and fighting patrols will be accompanied by an FOO. It is anticipated that this will enliven the war for all enemy in IBU-NASISIPOK sector. Present tactics of lightly equipped fast moving patrols in WAKUNAI area will continue.

FIB : Valuable assistance has been given by this Coy over the last fortnight, confidence and enthusiasm now being shown by Pl Comds. 2 P1 Hy Mortars have commenced ops, maintaining one mortar fwd on NUMA TRAIL. 2 Mtn Bty continue to give maximum support. Bty less one gun now moving to Post 12.

ADM : Progress is being made in preparation for taking over of Roadhead - Post 8 by S & T Branch 2 Corps.

Rest Camps as laid down by Bde Comd are being constructed at Posts 7 and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Improvements in living quarters at 9 and 12 are in hand. All this should be above ground by this time next week.

AMENITIES : First showing of pictures at Post 12 last night (2 Aug 45) was attended by 50% posts 8 - 12. A further showing takes place tonight. This service is greatly appreciated by all ranks.

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War Graves personnel recovered all bodies from Local Cemetery at Post 12 for transfer to TOROKINA. Rec Huts in Rest Areas and Post 12 will be constructed when living quarters are complete.

MED. 8 Fd Amb continue to give sterling service. It is proposed to relieve unit RMO at Post 13 for a short period by an MO from this unit.

ENGRS : Pl of 23 Fd Coy now moving into Post 5. Track improvement to TOKUA, recce of possible jeep track to TIERNAN'S SPUR and track improvement to Post 14 are under way.

RATIONS : Continue to be of high quality.

MORALE : Very high. Tps have never appeared fitter, mentally or physically.

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