

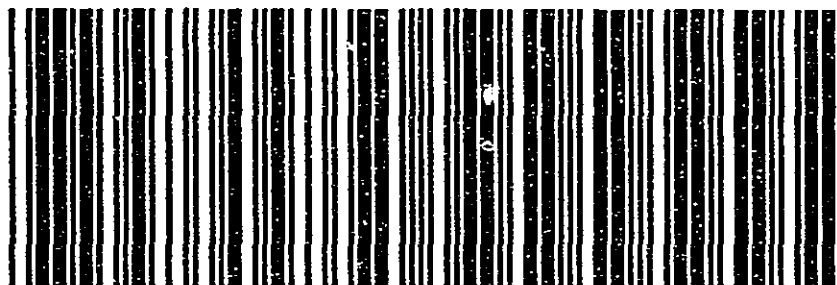
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W. FORM 2/43

Unit Ops Sec (G Branch) Adv LHQ Date and Time.—From 2359K/30 Jun To 2359K/15 Jul 43.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	1 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 442: from Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 1.
			Movement of Units to NEW GUINEA.	APPX 2.
			Movement report 248 showing changes to Basic Schedule	
			No. 13 for 24 hours ending 1600K/30 Jun 43.	
	2 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 443: from Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces Southwest Pacific Area.	APPX 3.
			MOVEMENT OF UNITS to NEW GUINEA.	APPX 4.
			Movement report 249 showing changes to Basic Schedule	
			13 for 24 hours ending 1600K/1 Jul.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	3 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 444: from Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 5.
	4 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 445: from Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 6.
	5 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 446: from Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 7.
	6 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 447: from Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 8.
	7 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 448: From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 9.
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BRISBANE	8 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 449: From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 10.
	9 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 450: From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 11.
	10 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 451: From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 12.
	11 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 452: From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	APPX 13.
			LHQ STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION No. 6.	APPX 14.
			This instruction governs the procedure used to co-ordinate the activities of Air Forces and Anti-aircraft artillery units	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	11 Jul		and applies to Naval units when their anti-aircraft armament can be co-ordinated with shore based anti-aircraft artillery.	
			Copy is attached.	
	12 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 453.</u> From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, APPX 15. South West Pacific Area.	
	13 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 454:</u> From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, APPX 16. South West Pacific Area.	
	14 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 455:</u> From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, APPX 17. South West Pacific Area.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	16 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 457.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area.	Appendix 19.
	17 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 458.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area.	Appendix 20.
	17 Jul		<u>SHIPPING DESIGNATORS - SOPI 4.</u> G/044.31/Ops Adv LHQ 17 Jul 43 explains and amplifies section of SOPI 4.	Appendix 21.
	18 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 459.</u> From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area.	Appendix 22.
	19 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 460.</u> From Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area.	Appendix 23.
	20 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 461.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area.	Appendix 24.
	21 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 462.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces in South West Pacific Area.	Appendix 25.

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BRISBANE	20 Jul		NATIONAL INSIGNIA FOR UNITED STATES MILITARY AIRCRAFT.	Appendix 26.
			G/032.31/Ops notifies changes in design of national	
			insignia.	
	21 Jul		AMENDMENT No. 2 TO STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION	Appendix 27.
			NO. 4. Amendment amplifies para 3(b) of SOPI 4. Ship-	
			ping Designators, ref cargo and passenger aircraft classif-	
			ications.	
	22 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 463. From Adv HQ Allied Land	Appendix 28.
			Forces in South West Pacific Area.	
	23 Jul		DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 464. From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 29.
			South West Pacific Area.	
			CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DOCTRINE. G/468.21/Ops of 23 Jul rescinds	Appendix 30.
			the "Manual of Direct Air Support 1942", and forwards advance	
			copies of Section IV of new Close Air Support Doctrine.	

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BRISBANE	24 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 465.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 31.
			South West Pacific Area.	
	25 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 466.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 32.
			in South West Pacific Area.	
	26 Jul		<u>DA ILY OPERATIONS REPORT 467.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 33.
			in South West Pacific Area.	
	27 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 468.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 34.
			in South West Pacific Area.	
	28 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 469.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 35.
			in South West Pacific Area.	
	29 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 470.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 36.
			South West Pacific Area.	
	30 Jul		<u>DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 471.</u> From Adv HQ Allied Land Forces	Appendix 37.
			South West Pacific Area.	

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APPX 1

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General Headquarters,
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 448.

Reference Maps: DADEN BAY WEST SPECIAL 1 inch to 1 mile
MAGERI POINT EAST 1 inch to 1 mile
MUSO 1/25000
KOMIATUN 1/25000
SALANAU (Revised) 1 inch to 1 mile
DULILO 1 inch to 1 mile
HADZAB 1 inch to 1 mile
MARRHAN 1 inch to 4 miles
ROAMER 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/30

No change.
2. Area GONA - MORORE - LABABIA
41 US DIV to 1630K/30
MACRECHIE Force
 - (a) By 0100K/30, Force HQ, HQ Coy, "A" Coy, "C" Coy and "D" Coy of One Bn, less one HQ platoon had landed in the first and second waves at HASSAU BAY. Heavy surf was encountered and seventeen LCV and one LOR were unable to return to the staging area at MAGERI POINT (820450) and were left on the beach probably wrecked. The third wave of eleven LCV was unable to land and six returned to the staging area. The remaining five are unaccounted for.
 - (b) At 0930K/30 "A" Coy contacted an unknown number of enemy at the South Arm of the BITOI River. "C" Coy was at the mouth of TABALI Creek 835777.
 - (c) The beach from the BITOI River to TABALI Creek was reported to be clear of enemy.
 - (d) Casualties to 1630K/30 are unknown, but much mortar ammunition, wire and equipment was lost, and wireless sets submerged in the landing.
 - (e) It is reported that up to 1630K/30 no contact had been made with "D" Coy 2/8 Aust Inf Bn (ref para 3 (d) below).
3. Area IAB - SALANAU - WAU
5 AUST DIV to 1600K/30
MISSIN Area
 - (a) At 0800K/30 HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde opened at MISSIN.
 - (b) On 29 Jun "C" Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn bivouacked at 652974, 4 miles East of MISSIN and at 1855K/30 occupied huts at 695289, half mile SE of NEW BOMBUBI. The attack was proceeding and the situation was considered satisfactory.

- (c) At 1830K/30 "A" Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn attacked OROOUEI (996939) one mile NW of KOMIATUM. No details are yet to hand.
- (d) A raiding party of six men were fired on by a Japanese sentry on KEIA HILL (1 mile West of MACDONALD's Junction). The sentry was reinforced and our party withdrew.

HUBO Area

At 1400K/29 forward elements of "D" Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn were on the south arm of the BITOI River, one mile from the coast and by 0800K/30 had advanced to within six hundred yards of the beach. A report timed at 1145K/30 stated that this Coy has heard rifle and mortar fire to the south, but had not yet reported contact with WACKECHNIS Force.

BULOLO Area

At 1130K/29 "B" Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion less 7 platoon arrived at MUMENO, 8 miles North of BULWA.

WATUT Area

At 0930K/29 7 platoon Papuan Infantry Battalion was established at SURAK Creek, 958935, 7 miles NW of MARILINAN.

MARKHAM Area

- (a) At 0823K/29 our mortars fired into the enemy defensive position near MARKHAM Point. The Japanese replied with gun fire (possibly 70 mm) from the North bank of the MARKHAM River. At 1148K/29 our mortars again fired into the enemy position, the Japanese replying from 1158 to 1808K/29.
- (b) At 0908K/29 a party of approximately twenty Japanese were ambushed at 848430, 1 1/2 miles West of MARKHAM Point. Our casualties were NIL, the enemy casualties being six killed and five wounded. The enemy withdrew, covering the bodies of their casualties with LMG fire.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA Force to 2000K/29

"A" platoon 2/7 Aust Indep Coy arrived at KAHANTU at 1100K/29.


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Changes to Basic Schedule No.13 for 24 hrs ending 1600K/30

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	<u>PORT MORESBY</u>						
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 443

Reference Maps: SALAMAU 1/25000
KOMIATUM 1/25000
MUBO 1/25000
MARKHAM 1 inch to 4 miles

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/1

No change.

2. Area GONA - MOROBE
41 US DIV to 0845K/1

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMAU - WAU
3 AUST DIV to 1100K/1

MACKENZIE FORCE

- (a) The total personnel landed was 44 officers and 726 enlisted men. This figure includes an OP party from 216 US Fd Arty Bn and an advance detail from "A" Coy 116 US Engineer Bn.
- (b) Command of this force passed to 3 Aust Div as from the time of landing.

NASSAU BAY Area

At 1430K/20, a platoon of "D" Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn encountered booby traps at 828826, approximately 200 yards from the beach. Two enemy MGs opened fire from a position to the East, and one Light Mountain Gun fired two rounds from the north bank of the South Arm of the BITOI River at 828827. The enemy did not move from their positions and at 1558K/30 our platoon withdrew slightly.

HIGGIN Area

- (a) During the evening of 28 Jun a raiding party from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy proceeding to MALOLO was surprised and attacked by thirty Japs at 700039. The enemy were later reinforced by another party of forty whereupon our raiding party withdrew to take up an ambush position. Twelve enemy were killed. We suffered no casualties.

- (b) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) At 0805K/30 Bn HQ was established at 682977 (ALLENS Creek $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of NEW BOBUBI).

or "D" Coy.

- (vi) The attack by "A" Coy on OPDUDU, on 30 Jun was unsuccessful but at 0840K/1 "A" Coy was reported to have commenced a fresh attack.
- (vii) Up to 1900K/30 casualties from 58/39 Aust Inf Bn were three killed and seven wounded. Estimated Japanese casualties were fourteen killed and several wounded.

MARKHAM Area

- (a) At 1600K/29 a patrol from "B" Coy 24 Aust Inf Bn established an ambush position at the mouth of the BUANG River, 12 miles NW of SALAMAUA.
- (b) Our patrol in the vicinity of MARKHAM POINT withdrew to 524433, three miles West of MARKHAM POINT on the morning 30 Jun.
- (c) "B" Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion less 7 platoon moved from MUMENG to TIMHE, arriving at 1530K/30.

4.

Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/1

- (a) HQ, 2/2 Aust Indep Coy were established at GAROKA, six miles West of BENA BENA on 30 Jun.
- (b) A platoon of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn arrived at BENA BENA at 2030K/30.

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MOVEMENT OF UNITS TO NEW GUINEA.

Changes to Basic Schedule No. 15 for 24 hrs ending 1400 E/1

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Serial	Under Orders to Move		Allotment - Shipping		En Route		Arrived Destination		Remarks
	Unit	Offr Org Vehn	Offr Org Vehn	Vessel Name of Embark	Offr Org Vehn	Offr Org Vehn	Date		
	<u>PORT MURPHY.</u>								
1	Reinforcements			Darwin - Townsville		12	615	30/6	
10	3 Aust Corps Sig					12	800		
11	38 Aust Lt W/T Co					1	18	1	
12	10 Aust D.R. Co					1	33		
13	Det 22 W.D. Force					1	28		
14	16 Aust A.M.C. Co					1	7		
15	Rear Party 2/1 Aust Mech					2	80		
	Regt Coy								
16	Rear Party 33 Aust Eng Coy					2	82		
17	Adv Party 9 Aust Workshop &					1	4		
	Fl Coy								
18	2/30 Aust L.A.D.					1	18		
19	Fixed Defences Port Moresby					1	30		
21	Special Sig Det						11		
22	24 P.A.A. Type Engs					5	30	2	
23	4 Aust Mob Gun Repair Shop					1	10		
	<u>WILHELM BAY.</u>								
	No Change.								

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Serial	Under Orders to Move		Allotment - Shipping		En Route		Arrived Destination	Remarks
	Unit	Offr Org Vehs	Offr Org Vehs	Vessel Place of Embarka	Offr Org Vehs	Offr Org Vehs Date		
	<u>REMARKS.</u>							
21	AA Ops Room Type C			Van Der Lijn - Calcutta	1	28		18 vehs shipped per JANSEN No individual particulars to hand
22	Sec 5 Aust Pd Rly					20		
23	SI Aust S.I.P.O.D.				1	29		
24	Det HQ "D" Sec 78 Aust				2	7		
25	Postal Unit							
26	Det A.A.S.C.					10		
27	Det Records				1	2		
28	Det A.I.B. Sig Para					6		
29	HQ 110 Aust Lt AA Regt				2	34		
30	Det 110 Aust Lt AA Sigs					12		
31	154 Aust Lt AA Rly				6	109		
32	Det Sec 110 Lt AA Regt Whitby					8		
33	SI/51 Aust Inf Bn			Van Der Lijn & Janssens	6	119		
34	HQ 110 Lt AA Regt Whitby Sec			Janssens	1	6		
35	Det "B" Coy 2/5 M.G. Bn				4	34		
36	102 Sec 5 Aust Div Cdr Whitby				2	102		
37	102 " " " " Pd Rly				1	12		
38	Det 5 Aust Div Postal Unit					3		
39	Det 5 Aust Div Cash Office				1	2		

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3 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 444

Reference Maps: BADEN BAY WEST SPECIAL 1 inch to 1 mile
MORO 1/25000
KUMIATUN 1/25000
ROANER 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MIINE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/2
No change.
2. Area UONA - MOROBE
41 US DIV to 0800K/2
No change.
3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - SAU
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/2

NACKECHNIE FORCE

- (a) At 0830K/1 one hundred and ninety personnel departed from MAGERI POINT for NASSAU BAY in a landing craft.
- (b) "B" Coy landed at NASSAU BAY during the night 1/2 Jul.
- (c) At 2100K/1 twenty-one landing craft were reported to be beached at NASSAU BAY; one was damaged at MAGERI POINT, three were on reef and two were unserviceable at MOROBE.
- (d) Force HQ with "A" Coy plus a weapon platoon on the right and "C" Coy plus an NG platoon on the left were holding a defensive position about two miles south of DUALI.

NASSAU BAY Area

- (a) 2/5 Aust Inf Bn
 - (i) During the morning of 1 Jul "D" Coy captured the area at the mouth of the South arm of the BITOI RIVER and consolidated. The enemy fled in disorder. During the afternoon of the same day one section exploited to the north but no enemy was seen.
 - (ii) To the south contact was made with NACKECHNIE Force.
 - (iii) At 0930K/2, fifty Japanese from the north crossed the South arm of the BITOI River and the track at 813827, 1 mile West of the mouth.

MISSIN Area

(a) 53/59 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) At 1400K/1 "C" Coy was still endeavouring to secure the old MEG position on high ground $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW of OLD BOBDUBI. A heavily defended MEG post was reported in the same area.
- (ii) At 0840K/1 "D" Coy less one platoon was in the area 688974, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW of OLD BOBDUBI. One platoon was at 687973 on the north bank of the FRANCISCO River, north of NEW BOBDUBI. By 1400K/1 one platoon had cleared a track from NEW BOBDUBI to the track junction at 703977 west from OLD BOBDUBI. At 1830K/1 a patrol which had reached 704933, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of OLD BOBDUBI, had reported that an enemy position in the vicinity of the track junction 703977, was unoccupied. At 0701K/2 an enemy gun from the top of KELA HILL shelled the NEW BOBDUBI area for 4 minutes.
- (iii) By 0840K/1 "E" Coy had reached approximately 704965, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of OLD BOBDUBI but by 1400K/1 they had NOT reached the main SALAMUA-KOMIATUM track. No contact had been made with the enemy.
- (iv) At 0840K/1 two platoons of "A" Coy attacked ORODUBI. By 1130K/1 7 platoon reported that it was controlling ORODUBI with LMG and mortar fire. By the same time 8 platoon, without opposition had occupied GZABALON and consolidated. At 1300K/2 a patrol engaged a party of twenty Japanese east of ORODUBI. No results were observed. At the same time 9 platoon occupied ERSKINE CREEK 700950.
- (v) At 1630K/1 a party of forty Japanese moved south towards KOMIATUM.

(b) 2/3 Aust Indep Coy

HQ and "C" platoon arrived at HEARS CREEK during the afternoon of 1 Jul.

MARKHAM Area

By 1230K/1 "B" Coy of the Papuan Infantry Battalion less 7 platoon had arrived in the WAMPIT - MARKHAM Area.

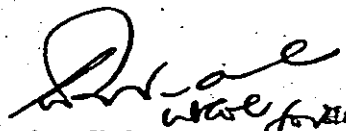
WATUP VALLEY Area

By 1300K/1 Advanced HQ of 57/60 Aust Inf Bn was established at 984270, 6 miles NW of MAHILIMAN emergency landing ground.

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Area BEHA BEHA
BEHA FORCE to 0800K/2

No change.


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4 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 445

Reference Maps: BADEN BAY WEST SPECIAL 1 inch to 1 mile
MUSO 1/25000
KORINTUM 1/25000
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile
WADZAB 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area PILAK BAY
5 AUSTR DIV to 6300E/3
No change.
2. Area GONA - MOROBE
41 US DIV to 6800K/5
No change.
3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - HAU
3 AUSTR DIV to 1400K/5

BACKBECHER FORCE

- (a) "C" Coy, after patrolling to the mouth of TABALI CREEK, was established in that area.
- (b) "A" Coy encountered Japanese at 815828, on the South Arm of the BITOI RIVER, 1/2 mile from the mouth, who fled when engaged. One platoon arrived at 802833, 1 1/2 miles from the mouth at 1645K/2.
- (c) Our casualties to 1230K/1 were 17 killed, 18 wounded and 4 missing.
- (d) Force H2 is situated at 834821, on the coast, 1 1/2 miles South of DUALI.
- (e) By 1050K/3 one battery 212 US Fd Arty Bn had landed at KASSAB BAY.
- (f) Construction of the jeep track west from the mouth of the South Arm of the BITOI RIVER commenced at 1300K/2.

KASSAB BAY Area

- (a) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn
 - (i) By 1500K/2 H2 "D" Coy had arrived at the base camp at 805833, 1 1/2 miles West of the coast on the South Arm of the BITOI RIVER and reported the South side of the River clear of the enemy.
 - (ii) By 2330K/2 "D" Coy less 18 platoon was reported to be at 784845, on the South Arm of the BITOI RIVER, 2 1/2 miles West of the coast.
18 platoon was in position 500 yards South of the mouth of the South Arm of the BITOI RIVER.

- (iii) Reference Daily Operations Report 444, paragraph 3 (a) iii, the Japanese are now reported as moving North across the BITOI RIVER, instead of South as previously stated.

(b) Papuan Infantry Battalion

A report timed 1800E/1 stated that "A" Coy has moved forward from CAPE DINGA and was in contact with the enemy, whose estimated strength was 100, at approximately 840779, 2,000 yards west of CAPE DINGA.

MISIM Area

(a) 58/59 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) "D" Coy are now holding the track from a mile East of NEW BOBDEUBI to the track junction at 703977, 200 yards East of OLD BOBDEUBI.
- (ii) By 2030E/2 "B" Coy had reached 699964, 1 mile South of OLD BOBDEUBI.
- (iii) Between 1220 and 1530E/3, 110 Japanese moved to 703975, 200 yards SE of OLD BOBDEUBI.
- (iv) By 1830E/2, 7 platoon "A" Coy had again engaged ORCDEUBI.
- (v) A report from WAIBALON stated that between 1100 and 1530E/2 a total of 167 Japanese had moved north across the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO RIVER, whilst a total of 236 Japanese had moved south.

(b) 2/3 Aust Indop Coy

By 1615E/2 HQ and "C" platoon had arrived at HUNNE POST 650970, 3 1/2 miles East of MISIM.

MUBO Area

17 Aust Inf Bde

(a) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) Between 1105 and 1525E/2 a patrol from "C" Coy whilst moving to 695852, 650 yards South of the PIMPLE, engaged the enemy with rifle and three inch mortar fire. Our casualties were two wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown.
- (ii) "A" Coy was at 673857, 1,500 yards West of the MUBO DRONE.
- (iii) "B" Coy was at HILL 7, 1 1/2 miles South of MUBO DRONE.

(b) 2/6 Aust Inf Bn

- (i) "B" Coy was at GUADAGASAL.
- (ii) "C" Coy was at HILL 7.

MARKHAM Area

At 1145K/5, 270 Japanese were reported as having landed at LAPU and were proceeding South.

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AFOR BEHA BEHA
BEHA FORCE to 0500K/5

No change.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 446

Reference Maps : NADEN BAY WEST SPECIAL 1 inch to 1 mile.
 EUBO 1/25000
 EQUATUM 1/25000
 WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile.

1. Area NILENE BAY
5 Aust Div to 0900 K/4

No change.

2. Area GORA - MOROGE
41 US Div to 0900 K/4

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - WAO
3 Aust Div to 1400 K/4

NASSAU BAY Area.
MACKECHIE FORCE

- (a) At 1920 K/3 "A" Coy arrived at the junction of the BITOI and BUYANIN Rivers.
- (b) On 3 Jul, HQ Coy and "E" Coy were in the area 780945, on the South arm of the BITOI, approximately 2 1/2 miles from the coast.
- (c) One platoon "C" Coy was at the mouth of TABALI Creek, one platoon on the beach about 835810, 2 miles South of DUALI and one platoon in the vicinity of the mouth of the South arm of the BITOI River.
- (d) From 1335 to 1425 K/3 "B" Bty 21st US Fd Arty Bn, located at 635818, on the coast 1 1/2 miles South of DUALI, shelled the mouth of TABALI Creek, CAPE DINGA, LABABIA Island and from the mouth of the South arm of the BITOI RIVER to DUALI.
- (e) Casualties to date are:-
Own 21 killed, 27 wounded.
Enemy 50 killed, wounded unknown.
- (f) The remainder of "A" Coy 116 US Engr Bn has landed at NASSAU BAY.

2/6 AUST INF BN

"D" Coy had arrived at the junction of the BITOI and BUYANIN Rivers (ref para 3 (a)).

MISSIE Area.
58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

- (a) At 1835 K/3 "B" Coy was in contact with the enemy at 706965, 1 mile South of OLD BODDUBI, and during the afternoon a platoon engaged twenty Japanese at the track junction 1200 yards South of OLD BODDUBI, killing ten including one officer and wounding several; our casualties were NIL. On the night 3/4 Jul the Coy was in a defensive position 600 yards South of the track junction.

- (b) At 1700 K/3, a patrol from "C" Coy to the West flank of the enemy in the Old Vickers MG position came under LMG fire. Our 2 inch mortars returned the fire. Our casualties were NIL; enemy two. At 1830 K/3 the enemy were again active with mortars and MGs. NIL casualties are reported.

2/3 Aust Indep Coy.

Dispositions were as follows:-

HQ at 677978, on the track, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of NEW BOSDUBI.
"C" platoon at 680977, on the track 1000 yards West of NEW BOSDUBI. One Section "A" platoon at MISSIN.

BARKHAM Area.
24 Aust Inf Bn.

- (a) A platoon of "D" Coy was in an ambush position at 673033, 2 miles WSW of MALOLO. Another platoon was at DAHO TWO.
- (b) The patrol at the mouth of the BUANO River reported that no enemy had been seen to 0600 K/3.
- (c) The following enemy parties were observed crossing the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO River:

At 1515 K/3 62 moving North, 15 moving South.
At 1835 K/3 170 moving South.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800 K/4

No change.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 447.

Reference Maps: KOMIATON 1/23000
MUSO 1/25000
RAU Track Map 1 inch to 4 miles.

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/5

No change.

2. Area GOHA - MOROBE
41 US DIV to 1400K/5

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUDA - WAU
5 AUST DIV to 1800K/5

NASSAU BAY - MUSO Area
NACRECHETE FORCE.

- (a) By 0900K/4 1537 personnel had been landed at NASSAU BAY.
- (b) At 1530K/4 B2, "A" and "B" (less one pl) Coys of 1 Bn 182 US Regt were at the junction of BITOI and BUYAWIN Rivers.
- (c) By 1530K/4, "D" Coy, plus one platoon "B" Coy were in the DRY CREEK bed area 7834 approximately 3 1/2 miles from the coast.
- (d) It is reported that no contact has yet been made with the company of P.I.B. on CAPS DINJA, but firing was heard at 0745K/5.

2/6 AUST IEP BE

- (a) A patrol along the Jap track to 695652 3/4 mile south of PIMPLE, reports that the enemy ambush position in that locality was still occupied on 4 Jul.
- (b) At 1630K/4 "B" Coy plus 4 platoon arrived at the SADDLE from the junction of the BITOI and BUYAWIN Rivers.

MISSIN Area
68/69 Aust Inf Bn

- (a) At 2230K/4, "B" Coy less 12 Pl had taken up a defensive position in OSBORNE Creek 3/4 mile south of OLD BOSDUBI. 12 Pl was in an ambush position at the track junction 706267, 1200 yards south of OLD BOSDUBI.
- (b) At 1750K/4, "D" Coy attacked through the coconut grove on BOSDUBI RIDGE at 703975 3/4 mile south of OLD BOSDUBI where 110 Japanese were seen on 3 Jul.
- (c) By 1830K/5 "D" Coy had captured this position and one platoon then dug in. Our casualties were two

wounded. Many casualties were not known. Later the platoon was forced to withdraw from the ridge by an enemy counter attack estimated to be one hundred strong.

MARSHAN AREA

No change.

4. Area BEMA BEMA
BEMA PORCH to CS30H/5

- (a) 4 Ssg "C" Pl, 2/7 Aust Indep Coy arrived at OHKIE 063022 four miles west of KAINANTU.
- (b) 6 Ssg, "C" Pl, 2/7 Aust Indep Coy arrived at TUAMPINHA 075022 near KAINANTU MISSION.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 448.

Reference Maps: 1/25000
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1. Area BAHAY BAY
5 AUGUST to 10 AUGUST

No change.

2. Area BAHAY - BAHAY
41 AUGUST to 10 AUGUST

No change.

3. Area BAHAY - SALAYATA - BAHAY
5 AUGUST to 10 AUGUST
BAHAY BAY - BAHAY Area.

BAHAY BAY - BAHAY.

- (a) On morning of 5 Jul "B" Co 213 US Inf Bn landed at BAHAY BAY.
- (b) On morning of 5 Jul a patrol from BAHAY BAY contacted a company of the Papuan Infantry Battalion in BAHAY BAY area.
- (c) An unconfirmed report received by HQ BAHAY at 1055 H/5 stated that a number of enemy barges were observed between five and ten miles north of BAHAY proceeding south. A further report, also unconfirmed, received at 1100 H/5 stated that fifteen JAPANESE barges were landing just north of BAHAY. At 1200 H/5 the enemy ambushed a ration party, forty strong, at 625027, 500 yards from the coast on the track along the south arm of the BICUB River. Our casualties were three killed and one wounded.

2/5 AUGUST 1943.

- (a) From 1107 H/5 to 1120 H/5, 30 mortar bombs were fired into the JAPANESE ambush position 625052, 1 mile south of BAHAY.
- (b) A patrol to BAHAY reported BAHAY's track little used. At 625052 the patrol was fired on from the rear. No casualties were sustained.

4. BICUB Area.
5/50 AUGUST 1943.

- (a) At 1100 H/5 ten JAPANESE entered BAHAY from the gully to the SW.
- (b) At 0905 H/5 a patrol from "B" Company ambushed and killed three JAPANESE on the main BAHAY - BAHAY track at 727001, one mile south of BAHAY BAY.
- (c) A patrol at the track junction 735007, 1 mile south of BAHAY BAY reported 1245 H/5 that one hundred and two fully equipped JAPANESE moved west.

- (d) At 1845 H/5 a patrol from "B" Company reported approximately one hundred JAPANESE moving from ANJUNDI to SALASAHA.
- (e) Between 1700 H/5 and 1725 H/5 approximately twenty five JAPANESE were observed moving in the coconut area on KODUNDI ROAD.
- (f) A standing patrol on the track two miles N by E of MALOCH (675233) estimated that fifty JAPANESE were establishing a camp on the MALOCH track.
- (g) From 1902 H/5 to 0856 H/5 the enemy shelled along the FRANKFORT River and GINBA Bridge 687975 in the BOEDUNI area.

E/5 WEST INDEF COY.

On 5 Jul 62 and two sections of "A" Platoon were at MALOCH about a mile west of ANJUNDI and "B" Platoon was at MALOCH about a mile west of ANJUNDI.

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SOUTHERN WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 449

Reference Maps: ECHA REVISED 1 inch to 4 miles
BADEN BAY SPECIAL 1 inch to 1 mile
EURO 1/25000
KOWIATUM 1/25000
SADZAB 1 inch to 1 mile
HARINUM 1 inch to 4 miles
SOGIA 1 inch to 4 miles
KAIU 1 inch to 4 miles

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/7

No change.

2. Area ECHA - MOROHE
41 US DIV to 1400K/7

By 1540K/6 "F" Coy 126 US Regt had arrived at KILLERTON.

By 1540K/6 "G" Coy 123 US Regt had moved from POPONDITA to BUKANEA.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - KAI
3 AUST DIV to 1700K/7
NASSAU BAY - EURO Area

(a) BACKBUSH FORCE

By 1215K/6 "C" Coy had arrived at the junction of BITOI and BUKANIA Rivers.

By 2400K/6 a total of 100 officers and 1635 other ranks had been landed at NASSAU BAY.

(b) 162 US INF REGT

By 1540K/6 "H" Coy of 3 Bn had arrived at NASSAU BAY.

By 0700K/7 HQ Coy and "I" Coy of 3 Bn had arrived at NASSAU BAY.

(c) PAPUAN INFANTRY BATTALION

On the morning of 6 Jul one Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion arrived at NASSAU BAY and then moved towards LAKE SALUS.

By 1210K/6 an enemy party with an MG was encountered at the mouth of the North arm of the BITOI RIVER. The Coy of the Papuan Infantry Battalion suffered one casualty wounded. Artillery then engaged the enemy.

(d) R/C WEST JEP BU

Dispositions at 1700K/7 were as follows:-

"A" Coy had set an ambush position at 684056, 1/2 mile North of EURO Drain.

"B" Coy captured the AJNA Patches at 684869, 1 mile North of HUBB Brook and is now dug in and patrolling towards KITCHEN Creek.

"C" Coy in position and consolidating in the area 680880, 1 mile North of OBSERVATION HILL.

Our troops are on OBSERVATION HILL.

MISSIE Area

(a) 28/29 AUST INF BN

"B" Coy

(1) One platoon ambushed a party of twenty Japanese approaching from BORDUBI at the track junction 705967, 1200 yards South of OLD BORDUBI. Ten of the enemy were killed and two probably wounded.

(11) A reconnaissance patrol encountered a large party of Japanese at 707261, 1 mile South of OLD BORDUBI.

"D" Coy

At 1140K/6 a patrol towards the Coconuts, 200 yards S by W of OLD BORDUBI was fired on, one being wounded.

"A" Coy

9 platoon relieved 7 platoon at OROBURI.

(b) 2/3 AUST INDEP COY

At 1000K/6 our carrier line from HANLING to DIERKE OP was ambushed near WELLS OP. The natives dropped their cargo and returned to HANLING.

Two sections of "A" platoon then moved to this ambush position. The enemy, estimated at thirty with a mortar, were then established astride the track at 690858, 700 yards South of HANLING, near the Coy stores dump. One section made two unsuccessful attempts to dislodge the enemy. Our casualties were one killed and three wounded. Five of the enemy were killed.

At 1800K/6 the Coy was disposed as follows:-

Coy HQ Platoon	DIERKE OP
Section "B" Platoon	BASE FLOOR
Section "A" Platoon	WELLS OP
Two Sections "A" Platoon	Astride the track between HANLING and WELLS OP.

MARSHAN Area

24 AUST INF BN

At 0300K/6 a patrol found the Japanese bivouac position at 545431, 1 1/2 miles West of MARSHAN POINT unoccupied.

At 0745K/7 our OP reported that there were at least fifteen barges in LAE Harbour and much movement around the wharf.

At 1800K/6 one platoon of "B" Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion arrived at OMSIS.

WATUT VALLEY Area

On 6 Jul one section of 7 platoon "B" Coy. Papuan Infantry Battalion established a standing patrol at WATUT, 10 miles North of WAKILINAH.

Area BENA BENA

BENA FORCE to 20000/6

A patrol reports that there are no Japanese at:-

- ANIMBARO - Junction of SAND and KIRAH Rivers.
- ATAMBI - 16 miles South East of ANIMBARO.
- SIRIWISU - 8 miles NW of ATAMBI.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 450

Reference Maps: BUNA (Revised) 1 inch to 4 miles
MUBO 1/25000
KOMIATUM 1/25000
NADZAB 1 inch to 1 mile
ROASER 1 inch to 1 mile

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NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
8 AUST DIV to 0800K/3

No change.

2. Area GOMA - MORORS
41 US DIV to 1400K/6

By 2000K/7 Coy "I" 185 US Regt had relieved 1 Bn 163 US Regt in the KILLERTON Area. By the same time Coy "L" 135 US Regt had relieved 2 Bn 162 US Regt in the GOMA Area.

3. Area IAB - SALAMUA - HAU
3 AUST DIV to 1400K/8
NASSAU Bay - MUBO Area

(a) BACKBONE FORCE

At 1255K/7 dispositions were as follows:-

HQ 1 Bn 162 US Regt) area 743955, 900 yards north of
"A" Coy) junction of BUYAWIN and BITOI
"B" Coy) Rivers.

By 1440K/7 the forward platoon of "A" Coy had arrived at BITOI RIDGE. The observation post of 213 US 1st Arty Bn was at 709251 on LABABIA RIDGE, 1 1/2 miles east of MUBO, whilst one gun was being man handled into position at 742242, five hundred yards south of junction of BUYAWIN and BITOI Rivers.

(b) 2/6 AUST INF BN

(i) "A" COY By 1700K/7 the forward section of "A" Coy had overcome the enemy ambush at 694956, 3 miles north of MUBO DRONE. Our casualty was one wounded. By 2000K/8 "A" Coy was attacking the north end of OBSERVATION HILL.

(ii) "B" COY By 2000K/8 consolidation was being carried out on the second objective at 692875. Patrolling continued to the HUT SAYELLA CREEK and KITCHIE CREEK.

(c) 2/5 AUSTR INF BN

- (i) At 1800K/7 "C" Coy was in position in the area 630880, 1/2 mile north of OBSERVATION HILL and was patrolling forward and east. During the morning of 8 Jul an attack was carried out against the enemy at 637885, one mile north of OBSERVATION HILL.
- (ii) By 1700K/7 4 Platoon had arrived at the base camp whilst 17 Platoon had arrived at MAT MAT.

MISSIE Area

(d) 58/59 AUSTR INF BN

"D" COY Between 1125 and 1215K/7 the enemy made three unsuccessful attacks on 15 Platoon at OLD BORDUBI, 704977. We had no casualties. Two of the enemy were killed.

"C" COY

- (i) One platoon moving around the east flank of the old VICKERS gun position, 1/2 mile SW of OLD BORDUBI, was held up by MG and mortar fire.
- (ii) Two platoons moving around the west flank reached a point 80 yards from the pillboxes in the VICKERS gun position. A total of three pillboxes were observed.
- (iii) Our casualties were two killed and two wounded.

"A" COY At 1750K/7, 3 Platoon withdrew from HAWLING.

(e) 2/3 AUSTR INDEF COY

- (i) At 1915K/7 the enemy were pushed back from the ambush position, 700 yards south of HAWLING (690933) to BORDUBI. At the same time Coy B4 and "C" Platoon were at STEPHENS JUNCTION 681916, whilst "B" Platoon was at GOODVIEW JUNCTION 706916.
- (ii) During the morning of 8 Jul "B" Platoon killed twelve Japanese at GOODVIEW JUNCTION. They are now digging in. "C" Platoon whilst moving down the STEPHENS TRACK contacted the enemy at 706921.
- (iii) Ten men from "A" Platoon are reinforcing "C" Platoon whilst twenty men are holding WELLS OP.

HARKHAM Area

- (f) At 1300K/7 the dispositions of 8 Platoon "B" Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion were as follows:-

HQ	BOES 323439
One Section	DEEP BRICK 543457
One Section	KIRKS 351501
One Section	DIX 310372

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HALOLO Area

- (g) (1) On 8 Jul a patrol from 16 Platoon 24 Aust Inf Bn was ambushed east of Observation post 672032. Enemy casualties one wounded; own casualties two missing.
- (11) On 8 Jul in same area enemy engaged a second patrol. Enemy casualties one killed, one wounded. Own casualties NIL.

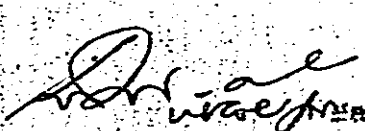
WAPUT VALLEY Area

- (h) (1) During 7 Jul the following troops arrived at TSILITSILLI:-
- 703 Airborne AA Bty
"B" Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn less two platoons
Det 15 Aust Fd Coy
- a total of 13 officers and 207 other ranks.
- (11) "B" Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn less two platoons moved to 987323, eight miles NW MARILINAH airfield.

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Area BSNA SSNA
BSNA FORCE

- (1) By 2000E/7 a patrol had reported enemy at DUEPU (FC) 7252.
- (11) 6 officers and 100 other ranks of 2/2 Aust Indep Coy arrived by plane during 8 Jul.


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Reference Maps: MUCO 1/25000
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HOAHUP 1 inch to 1 mile
HAREHAM 1 inch to 4 miles
HARENG 1 inch to 4 miles
HAREU 1 inch to 4 miles

NSG GUINEA

1. Area WILHE BAY
3 AUST DIV to 6608/9

No change.

2. Area UCHA - HORONE
41 US DIV to 6608/9

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMALA - FAE
3 AUST DIV to 1115K/9
NASEAU BAY - MUCO Area

(a) BACKBONE FORCE

At 1115K/9 four guns of 218 US PA Arty Bn were in position in the vicinity of the junction of the BIZOI and BUYAWIN Rivers.

(b) PAPUAN INFANTRY BATTALION

During the afternoon 7 Jul two platoons were moving North along the track DUALI - SALUS. The remainder of the company were assembling on the high ground between the North arm of the BIZOI RIVER and LAKE SALUS.

(c) 2/6 AUST INF BN

- (i) At 1100K/7 the mortar forward observation officer and party were fired on from 694853 (1000 yards East of MUCO BROKE). Our mortars engaged this area from 1150 to 1230K/7 inflicting casualties.
- (ii) On 8 Jul "A" Coy attacked and captured an ambush position on the Southern slope of OBSERVATION HILL but were later forced to withdraw to 693667.
- (iii) "B" COY. Consolidation at 690875 was continuing and patrols were moving to BUI LAVELLA CREEK and footbridges across BUICAP CREEK.
- (iv) At 1615K/7 "D" Coy had arrived at the KUPAI PATCH 694563.

(a) 2/9 AUST INF BN

During 8 Jul a patrol from "C" Coy unsuccessfully attacked a small but well prepared enemy LMG position at 673885. Our patrol then withdrew to a position 100 yards South.

MISSIN - BORDUBI Area

(e) 58/59 AUST INF BN

"A" COY Reference Daily Operations Report 450 para 5 (d). 9 Platoon should read 9 Platoon. Details of this action are as follows. On 7 Jul 9 Platoon was in position close to and covering the track East and South of MARLING. At 1500Z/7 fortyfour Japanese attacked the Eastern position. A portion of the platoon then occupied a new position in MARLING, remaining there throughout the night 7/8 Jul. The Japanese established a perimeter camp South of MARLING during that night, but withdrew by the morning of 8 Jul. Four of our men are missing.

(f) 2/3 AUST INDEP COY

Reference Daily Operations Report 450 para 3 (a) (ii). Japanese astride STEPHENS TRACK at 706231 (1000 yards South of KCHIATUM) were reinforced by thirty four enemy from KCHIATUM. "C" Platoon 2/3 Aust Indep Coy then withdrew to 702915.

MATUT VALLEY Area

(g) 57/60 AUST INF BN

"B" Coy less one platoon has moved from 987323 to 975332 (eight miles NW of MAKILIMAN).

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE

- (i) At 0400Z/7 the enemy attacked our Observation Post North of LINONA NO 7536 (19 miles E by N of BENA BENA). Three of our men are missing and N/T communication has ceased.
- (ii) At 1130Z/8 "E" Platoon 2/2 Aust Indep Coy arrived at GANCKA from BENA BENA Airfield.

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Reference Maps : MUBO 1/25000
KOMIATUM 1/25000
HARKHAM 1 inch to 4 miles
RAMU 1 inch to 2 miles
ROAMER 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SILKE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0300 K/10
No change.
2. Area GONA - MURCEE
41 US DIV to 1400 K/10
No change.
3. Area LAE - SALAMAGA - MAU
3 AUST DIV to 0600 K/10

NASSAU BAY - MUBO Area

ENGINEER FORCE

- (I) Bn HQ, HQ Coy and "C" Coy of 1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt moved to the area 7287B on the BITOI RIDGE 2 1/2 miles NE of MUBO DROME.
"A" Coy 1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt were patrolling the Northern slopes of BITOI RIDGE.
"B" Coy less two platoons moved to 702871 1/2 mile East of KITCHEN CREEK.
One platoon was patrolling to 714067 1 1/2 miles East of KITCHEN CREEK, the other along the track to GREEN HILL.
- (II) "I" Coy of 3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt was protecting the L of C along South arm of BITOI RIVER. "H" and "K" Coys were protecting the beach head.

2/5 AUST INF BN

On 9 Jul "A" Coy attacked the enemy position at 694864, 1000 yards North of MUBO DROME. The enemy withdrew.
HQ "A" Coy was at 694873, 500 yards NE of KITCHEN CREEK, astride the track BUI - SAVELLA - KITCHEN CREEKS.
On the afternoon of 9 Jul "D" Coy patrolled the North bank of KITCHEN CREEK but did not make contact with the enemy.

2/5 AUST INF BN

An enemy attack on "C" Coy at 678335 2 miles NW of MUBO DROME was repulsed.

MISSION - BOBODUBI Area

53/59 AUST INF BN

At 1230K/9 "Q" Coy unsuccessfully attacked the old Vickers position 1/2 mile SW of OLD BOBODUBI. At 1500K/9 they were again attacking. No further details are yet available.

On 9 Jul the enemy unsuccessfully attacked B Platoon at 695244, 500 yards North of BOBODUBI.

2/5 AUST INDEP COY

By 1500K/9 the remainder of "A" Platoon had arrived GOODVIEW JUNCTION area.

WATUT VALLEY Area

Location of TILITISILI: ref map ROAMER 1 inch to 1 mile 975257.

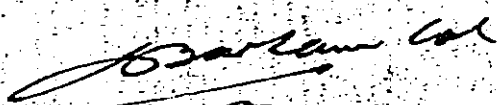
Area BENA-BENA

BENA FORCE to 0800K/10

At 1000K/8 a patrol reported that ten Japanese left AHOHA 103034 a few hours earlier.

At 1600K/8 a patrol reported that the enemy were in occupation of SUM HUT 24 miles E by N of BENA BENA.

A patrol was investigating a native report that there were one hundred Japanese at MARAWASA 103032.


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// Jul 43LHQ STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION NO. 6Air - Anti-aircraft Co-operation.OBJECT

1. This instruction will:-
 - (a) Govern the procedure used to coordinate the activities of Air Forces and Anti-aircraft Artillery units.
 - (b) Apply to Naval Units when their anti-aircraft armament can be coordinated with shore based anti-aircraft artillery.

COORDINATION

2. The Commander Allied Air Forces is responsible for the coordination of anti-aircraft artillery with Air Force operations, including Air Warning and Special Communications nets.
3. Except in operations against aerial targets, the coordination of anti-aircraft defences by anti-aircraft artillery units of more than one Force, operating in the same area, will be mutually arranged between the Commanders of the Forces concerned. Under certain circumstances a coordinator of anti-aircraft defences may be appointed.

CONTROL

4. When NOT engaging aerial targets command anti-aircraft artillery units will be vested in the Commander of the Force to which such units are allotted.
5. Fighter Command is responsible for controlling the employment against aerial targets of all anti-aircraft weapons within its specified operational limits.

RESPONSIBILITY

6. Fighter Sector HQ. The responsibilities of Fighter Sector HQ include :-
 - (a) Coordination of the operations of Fighter, Anti-aircraft Artillery and Signal Units, within its area.
 - (b) Coordination and supervision of the identification systems of the forces operating aircraft within its area.
 - (c) Under general instructions from Allied Air Forces coordination of their own identification system with that of other areas.
 - (d) Regulating all air traffic, including the grounding of non-combatant aircraft during alerts.
7. Anti-aircraft Defence Commander. The anti-aircraft defence Commander is responsible for:-
 - (a) Command and tactical disposition of all anti-aircraft artillery units under the direction of the Commander of

the Force or area to which such units are allotted.

- (b) Execution of Operational control instructions issued by the Fighter Sector HQ.
- (c) Establishment of Anti-aircraft Operations Rooms and coordination with Fighter Sector HQ.

8. Allied Naval Forces. Anti-aircraft Operations Rooms already established will coordinate the fire of anti-aircraft armament on Naval vessels with land based anti-aircraft defence, when such vessels are within the defended area. Information concerning available supporting naval anti-aircraft armament will be supplied under direction of the senior naval officer present. Arrangements for the transmission of alerts and warnings to naval vessels and for adequate methods of communication between ships and shore will be made by the anti-aircraft defence commander and the senior naval commander concerned. Anti-aircraft control of merchant vessels within the area is subject to naval supervision.

GENERAL FEATURES OF EMPLOYMENT

9. State of readiness. The state of readiness of anti-aircraft units required at any time will depend upon:-

- (a) The nature and degree of enemy activity.
- (b) Location of the defended area with respect to possible enemy activities.
- (c) Extent and efficiency of the warning system.
- (d) Weather conditions.
- (e) Type of equipment.

10. The state of readiness will be prescribed by the authority responsible for coordinating anti-aircraft fire. In the absence of definite instructions from higher command the unit commander will be responsible for maintaining a state of readiness capable at all times of carrying out the tasks laid down. The Unit Commander may increase the degree of readiness at any time but will NOT decrease a state of readiness already ordered.

11. Prescribed states of readiness are indicated in Fighter Sector Battle Orders.

12. Opening of Fire. Anti-aircraft fire will be opened against hostile aircraft on the initiative of the unit commander under the following conditions:-

- (a) Identified and reported by Fighter Sector HQ, as hostile where no restriction against opening fire has been announced.
- (b) When NOT identified by Fighter Sector HQ, but definitely recognized as hostile by the anti-aircraft unit concerned when no restriction against opening fire has been imposed.
- (c) Which commit hostile acts unless such targets are being engaged by friendly aircraft.

13. Hostile acts are:-

- (a) Engaging in direct attack against ground, sea or air installations.
- (b) Dropping by aircraft of any type of explosive in friendly territory except over a bombing range or when obviously jettisoning bombs.

- (c) Dropping of parachutists except from an aircraft obviously out of control.
- (d) The approaching of ships by aircraft in a manner which would permit torpedo attack.
- (e) Flying over a restricted area except fighter aircraft engaging an enemy or when prior notification has been given from Fighter Sector HQ.
- (f) Dropping flares over land or sea, except for an obvious forced landing by an aircraft in distress, or when prior notification has been given from Fighter Sector HQ.
- (g) Obviously engaged in mine laying activities.
- (h) Acts definitely recognised as hostile.

14. Normally, gunfire on targets within effective range should NOT be restricted by Fighter Sector HQ unless or until airborne friendly aircraft are known to be in the vicinity of enemy aircraft.

15. Aircraft announced as unidentified will be considered friendly until:-

- (a) Recognised positively as hostile by markings, or characteristics. For markings of friendly aircraft, see "General Recognition Procedure and Definition", issued by Headquarters Allied Air Forces.
- (b) Failing to conform to indicated "approach procedure" or to acknowledge recognition signals. In this connection, aircraft positively recognised by OP's as friendly will be so considered until committing a hostile act as indicated above.

16. Fire against unseen targets with 3.7inch, 90 mm or 3 inch guns will be opened under the following conditions:-

- (a) When incoming targets have been identified as hostile and so announced by Fighter Sector HQ, provided no restrictions against firing have been announced.
- (b) When such fire is prescribed by Fighter Sector HQ.
- (c) When direct ground-air control of gunfire is authorised by Fighter Sector HQ and appropriate instructions have been received from commanders of air formations in flight.
- (d) If Gun zones have been organised and target aircraft are within the gun area.
- (e) Under approved procedure indicated by proper authority.

17. Fire will NOT be opened against unseen targets:-

- (a) By automatic weapons, including 40mm guns, at any time unless specially ordered to do so by Fighter Sector HQ.
- (b) Within indicated restricted zones.
- (c) During special operations announced by proper authority.

18. The anti-aircraft unit commander will suspend fire against any target which is definitely recognised as friendly, notwithstanding

any general rules or instructions including those from Fighter Sector HQ.

19. Anti-aircraft artillery fire may, on order of the Fighter Sector HQ:-

- (a) Be suspended in any sector or sectors.
- (b) Be withheld above specified altitude limits or
- (c) Be withheld against specific targets or under specific circumstances.

Anti-aircraft fire may be released by the same authority, but each order suspending, withholding or releasing fire is to be complete within itself.

20. The Fighter Sector HQ will lay down the details for the operational employment of barrage balloons.

21. Anti-aircraft Operations Rooms information, including RADAR, may be passed to Air Warning Stations when especially requested by Fighter Sector HQ.

22. Special bursts of anti-aircraft fire may be arranged by Fighter Sector HQ for the purpose of indicating the location of:-

- (a) Hostile aircraft.
- (b) Friendly aircraft in flight.
- (c) Landing fields.
- (d) Other special purposes.

23. Searchlight Operation. Anti-aircraft searchlights will be operated as follows:-

- (a) Normal employment of searchlights to illuminate incoming targets will be subject to the same general rules and restrictions as apply to gunfire.
- (b) Under the direction of Fighter Sector HQ, anti-aircraft searchlights may be employed for:-
 - (i) Measuring the altitude of cloud bases.
 - (ii) Indicating the position, course or altitude of friendly or hostile aviation.
 - (iii) Assisting in homing friendly aircraft.
 - (iv) Illuminating barrage balloons for their recognition by incoming friendly aircraft.
 - (v) For other special tasks.
- (c) Development of procedure for Night Fighter- Searchlight Operation and for Day Fighter- Searchlight Operation will be under the supervision of Allied Air Forces.
- (d) During the "alert" period, searchlights will remain out of action until released by Fighter Sector.
- (e) Employment of searchlights in the vicinity of airfields should be controlled carefully in order to provide maximum aid to, and minimum interference with, friendly aircraft.

- (f) Operation of searchlights installed on naval vessels in port, or within defended areas, is subject to the same control as indicated for the fire of anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons. Ships are not to use searchlights for illumination during air attack unless specifically requested by proper operational authority.

GENERAL

24. When anti-aircraft artillery is employed for defence of large civil communities, coordination of action will be maintained by Local Defence HQ through the Fighter Sector HQ.

25. Anti-aircraft units will be responsible for local security for their own establishments. This will be coordinated with air-field defence installations and the operations of troops of other arms in the vicinity.

26. The decision to employ anti-aircraft artillery in ground defence will cancel automatically the control of Fighter Sector HQ. When an enemy ground attack is imminent it will be the responsibility of the Commander of the ground forces of the area to decide whether anti-aircraft artillery weapons will be employed for ground defence. Orders will definitely indicate the responsibility for this decision in each local area. As soon as practicable control will revert from the Commander who ordered the employment of anti-aircraft artillery for ground defence to Fighter Sector HQ. Anti-aircraft units under direct attack from ground or marine forces may employ their weapons in their own defence.

27. Anti-aircraft Operations Rooms should be established where required. Complete coordination of Anti-aircraft Operations Rooms with Fighter Sector Headquarters should be emphasized to the point of locating the two establishments in proximity preferably in the same room. Where this is NOT possible, liaison officers will be employed.

28. An Anti-aircraft Technical Instruction to amplify the above will be issued by LHQ.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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12 Jul 43

General Headquarters
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 423.

Reference Maps: MUREO 1/25,000
KONILATON 1/25,000
MADANG 1 inch to 4 miles.

NEW GUINEA:

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUSTR DIV to 2000 K/10

No change.
2. Area LOBA - MURGE
41 US DIV to 2000 K/10

No change.
3. Area LAE - SALAMANA - WAU
3 AUSTR DIV to 2300 K/10

HAESSAU BAY - MUREO Area.

PAPUAN INFANTRY BATTALION.

Coy HQ was at 803854, North of North arm of MITOI River, one mile from the coast.

MACKERRIE FORCE.

1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt.

Bn HQ and "C" Coy were on MITOI Ridge, 1 1/2 miles ENE of GREEN HILL. Elements of "A" Coy were at 698874, one thousand yards North of GREEN HILL. One platoon from each "B" and "C" Coys were at 714637, 1 1/2 miles NE of GREEN HILL. "D" Coy was at 705869, 1 1/2 miles NE of GREEN HILL. Two platoons were at 720354, 1 1/2 miles East of GREEN HILL.

3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt.

Bn HQ and Tank Attack platoon had arrived at HAESSAU BAY.

2/6 AUSTR INF BN

On 10 Jul a patrol from "B" Coy to DRY CREEK BRD reported little enemy movement. At 1758 K/10 contact was made with elements of 162 US Inf Regt on BUICAP CREEK, about 1 1/2 miles NNE of MUREO DRONE.

DIS31R-MORDURI Area.

2/5 Austr Indep Coy

- (1) At 1645 K/3 one platoon unsuccessfully attacked the enemy at GOODVIEW RIDGE, 600 yards West of GOODVIEW Junction.
- (11) Two Sections of "A" Platoon were in a position astride the track at 700914, 1/2 mile West of GOODVIEW Junction.

(iii) Two Sections were moving to a position at 700908, 1/2 mile SW of GOODVIEW Junction.

SS/SS Aust Inf Bn.

Active patrolling was continued.

SALAMUA Area.

Natives report large numbers of JAPANESE have left SALAMUA and moved in direction of LOKANU.

4.

SENA SENA Area.

SENA PONCE to 2000 K/10

A detachment of "A" Platoon 2/2 Aust Indep Coy arrived at LINOMA, 24 miles NE from SENNA SENNA.

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13 Jul 43

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 454.

Reference Maps: NERS 1/25,000
KOMIATUM 1/25,000
RANK Track Map 1 inch to 2 miles.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area WILHELM BAY
3 AUSL DIV to 0800K/12

No change.

2. Area GONA - HOROKE
41 US DIV to 0600K/12

"B" Bty 205 US FC Arty Bn arrived at HOROKE from BONA Area at 0640K/11.

3. Area LAE - SALAHATA - NIU
3 AUSL DIV to 1800K/12

WASSAU BAY - WUSO Area

WAGGECHEITE FORCE

1 Bn 152 US Inf Regt

Patrols from "C" Coy report that the enemy positions at the junction of the BIRGI RIVER and BUIGAP CREEK were unoccupied at 1220K/10.

A platoon of "A" Coy moved south from 702036 (on the KOMIATUM - WUSO track, 1 1/2 miles North of CHICK HILL) and engaged the enemy at the junction of BUIGAP CREEK and BUI SAVILLA CREEK. The platoon later withdrew.

"D" Coy engaged an enemy position at 656876 (near the footbridge over BUIGAP CREEK, 1000 yards North of CHICK HILL). Details were not reported.

3 Bn 152 US Inf Regt

Final elements arrived at WASSAU BAY at 0200K/11. During the night 2/10 Jul "E" Coy less two platoons was in contact with enemy in the vicinity of LAKE SALUS 603271.

Patrols have reported enemy positions at 700690 and 701094, approximately 1 1/2 miles NW of SALUS.

A small enemy force has been located at CAPE DINGA.

Papuan Infantry Battalion

One platoon is now in the vicinity of SALUS and one platoon is North of SALUS.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

During the morning of 10 Jul a platoon of "A" Coy unsuccessfully attacked a strongly held enemy position

At 684856, 1300 yards NW of MUBO DROME on the track to OBSERVATION HILL. At 2330E/11 "A" Coy contained the enemy at this position and at 1600E/12 the position was taken.

Rt "B" Coy is now established at 690874, about 1 1/2 miles NW of MUBO DROME. During the afternoon of 10 Jul one platoon of "B" Coy successfully attacked the main enemy position at 694873, about 300 yards West of the footbridge over BUICAP CREEK. The enemy were driven out without loss to ourselves. As a result of these operations, OBSERVATION HILL is now believed to be clear of the enemy, but elements are still holding out in DRY CREEK SW and North of the BUI SAVALLIA CREEK.

"C" Coy, after having been in close contact with the enemy at 694353, are now reported to be patrolling towards GREEN HILL.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

At 0800K/11 a platoon of "B" Coy was at BASE 4, whilst "B" Coy less one platoon was on OBSERVATION HILL.

At 1115E/12 one platoon of "C" Coy arrived at BASE 4, and the remainder of "C" Coy was en route from 678365.

MISSIM - BONDUBI Area

2/3 Aust Indep Coy

Now disposed covering all tracks from GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

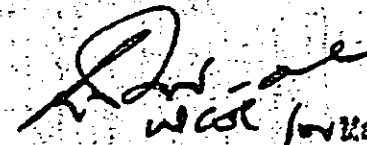
52/59 Aust Inf Bn

Active patrolling was continuing.

4. Area BEEA BEEA
BEHA FORCE to 0800K/12

Our forces have established an observation post at ASUPUIA six miles North of KAINANTU MISSION (RAMU Track Map, 2 miles to 1 inch reference 084035).

R/T communication was re-established with our detachments in the area North of LIHOKA.


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14 Jul 43

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 455

Reference Maps:- HUBO 1/25000
KONJATUM 1/25000
BUNA (Revised) 1 inch to 4 miles
MOROBE EAST Special 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0900K/13

No change.

2. Area GONA - MOROBE
41 US DIV to 1400K/13

162 US Inf Regt

2 Bn had arrived at MOROBE from BUNA area at 2000K/12.

6 Aust Inf Bde

Hq 6 Aust Inf Bde had been established at EIHONDA. The bulk of 14/52 Aust Inf Bn were at GONA. Portion of 19 Aust Inf Bn were at KILLERTON and portion of 36 Aust Inf Bn at SOPUTA.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - TAU
3 AUST DIV to 0200K/13

MASSEAU BAY - HUBO Area

1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

At 1435K/12 "A" Coy less one platoon attacked and captured the position 695872, in BUI SAVELLA CREEK 300 yards from BUIGAP CREEK.

At 1725K/12 one platoon "B" Coy was in position at 695869, 100 yards East of junction of BUIGAP and BITOI RIVERS.

On the afternoon of 12 Jul two platoons of "C" Coy and one platoon "A" Coy engaged enemy in the vicinity 714867, 2 miles NE of WOODY ISLAND. The enemy still retain a strong position in this area.

205 US Fd Arty Bn

On the morning of 12 Jul "B" Bty landed at MASSEAU BAY.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

At 0330K/13 one platoon "B" Coy successfully attacked the position 691871, 1/2 mile North of WOODY ISLAND.

At 1500K/12 "D" Coy successfully attacked the position 684866, on OBSERVATION HILL track 1/2 mile North of HUBO DROME. The enemy fled towards WOODY ISLAND.

At 1715K/12 one platoon "C" Coy occupied the PIMPLE.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

"B" Coy less two platoons was at 680880, 1 1/2 miles North of MUBO DROME. One platoon patrolled to BUI XO Creek, 2 1/2 miles North of MUBO DROME.

PAHUAN INFANTRY BATTALION

One platoon was at 780900 and one platoon at 784907 on the high ground 2 1/2 miles SW of SALUS. One platoon was patrolling West of LAKE SALUS.

MISSIE - BOBDEI Area

56/58 Aust Inf Bn

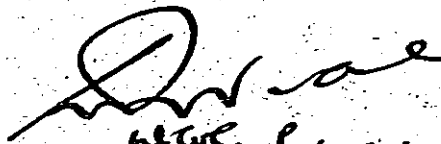
- (a) At 1400K/11, HQ "B" Coy plus 11 and 12 platoons moved around the WEST VICKERS position at 708952, 750 yards NE of GWAIBALON, and up the slope to "A" Coy HQ at 697948, 100 yards SE of GWAIBALON, where they arrived at 1840 hours.

At 0800K/12 "B" Coy established a position South of the WEST VICKERS position.

- (b) A large party of enemy was reported astride the track North of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

4. Area ZENA - BENA
BENA Force to 0800K/13

No change.


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15 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 456

Reference Maps:- BUNA (Revised) 1 inch to 4 miles
HUBO 1/25,000
KOMIATUM 1/25,000
SALAMAU 1/25,000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
8 AUST DIV to 0800K/14

No change.

2. Area GONA - MOREBE
41 US DIV to 0800K/14

186 US Inf Regt

I, L and M Coys had arrived at SINEI from GONA.

2/17 Aust Lt AA Bty had arrived at DOBODURA from MORESBY.

3. Area LAE - SALAMAU - SAN
5 AUST DIV to 1400K/14

MASEAU BAY - HUBO Area

3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

A patrol reported that there were no enemy at CAPE DINGA.

Papuan Infantry Battalion

Papuan Infantry Battalion has reported that possibly two hundred JAPANESE landed at LOKANU ONE and were headed inland. It is further reported that an enemy outpost is located at 771913, on the coast 3 1/2 miles NW of SALUB.

1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

At 1131K/13 two platoons "C" Coy engaged an enemy position at 714884, 1 1/2 miles NE of GREEN HILL. At 1400K/13 one platoon occupied a position at 714938, 1 1/2 miles NE of GREEN HILL and reported the area clear of the enemy.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

At 1130K/13 two platoons "B" Coy reported that the area of the junction BITOI River and BUIAP Creek - WOODY ISLAND - and HARRISON HILL was clear of enemy. A patrol from "D" Coy was endeavouring to move from 378890, 2 1/2 miles North of HUBO DRONE on VIALS TRACK, to HUI RO CREEK - BUIAP CREEK, but was not successful. One platoon of "C" Coy had occupied GREEN HILL.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

At 1845K/13 "E" Coy arrived at 243K 4.

MISBIN - BOHDUBI Area

2/3 Aust Indep Coy

At 0700K/13 "C" platoon moved from GOODVIEW JUNCTION to WHITE Conservation Post.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

Active patrolling continues in the area of the COCONUTS to the OLD VICKERS position.

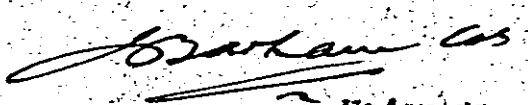
"B" Coy less one platoon was established in a position at 702954, 1 1/2 miles South of OLD BOHDUBI, and reported that the enemy was still in position at 701954. One platoon of "B" Coy was at 697954, 1 1/2 miles SSW of OLD BOHDUBI. At 2045K/12 one platoon of "C" Coy was at HAWLING and one platoon was at GWATEALON. At 0545K/13 one platoon "A" Coy was at B22KINE CREEK.

24 Aust Inf Bn

At 0700K/12 "D" Coy established an Observation Post at 608027, 3 miles North of OLD BOHDUBI.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0200K/14

No change.


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Reference Map: KMO 1/25,000.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0400Z/15

No change.

2. Area GONA - HOROBE
31 US DIV to 1400Z/15

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAKAUA - HAU
3 AUST DIV to 1400Z/15

WASSAU Bay - GUBU Area

The battle for GUBU has now been won. The area is clear of the enemy and our troops are regrouping for the battle of KOMLATUK. Of the 1250 enemy engaged at GUBU it is estimated that not more than 300 escaped destruction.

3 Bn 152 US Inf Rest

One platoon landed on LARABIA ISLAND at 0700Z/15.

4. Area BEHA BEHA
BEHA FORCE to 1400Z/15

No change.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 456

Reference Map:- KOKIATON 1/25,000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area KILME BAY
5 AUSTR DIV to 1000 K/16

No change.

2. Area BUNA - MOROBY
41 US DIV to 1400 K/16

On 12 Jul the advance party of HQ 11 Aust Div arrived in the DODODURA area.

On 13 Jul the move of HQ 41 US Div from BUNA area to MOROBY by air was commenced.

By 15 Jul the move of 163 US Inf Regt by air from BUNA area to MOROBY was complete.

By 15 Jul a total of 2177 troops of 6 Aust Inf Bde had been moved by air from MOROBY to the DODODURA area.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - YAU
3 AUSTR DIV to 1400 K/16

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Dispositions on 15 Jul were

B Coy:- HQ 686912 (1 mile SE of BASE 4)
One platoon 703912 (1 mile SW of GOODVINE JUNCTION)
One platoon 695911 (1 mile SE of BASE 4)
One platoon 696912 (1 mile SE of BASE 4)

C Coy:- 703914 (1 mile SW of GOODVINE JUNCTION)

8/3 Aust Indep Coy

On 15 Jul "A" platoon was in position on NAWLING RIDGE.

At 1330 K/15 Jul "C" platoon was attacking an enemy position at 691930 (200 yards East of the track 1 mile South of NAWLING) and by 0230 K/16 "B" and "C" platoons had occupied the position and reported it clear of the enemy.

4. Area BERA BERA
BERA FORCE to 0300 K/16

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SW PACIFIC AREA

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17 Jul 43

Subject: SHIPPING DESIGNATORS - SOPI No. 4

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1. Some queries have been raised regarding the interpretation to be placed on the word "Means" as used in para 3 of this Headquarters Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No 4. The word "means" in this context is defined as "method of despatch and transport".

2. The purpose of the designators is to hinder persons unconnected with shipping obtaining details of goods being forwarded and their destinations e.g. civilians reading labels on goods going to the wharf. By timely changes of designators it is hoped that the meaning will not become known to too many unauthorized persons.

3. It is appreciated that goods will be loaded on ships by civilian dockworkers who will be able to deduce the meaning of various designators. This is unavoidable but it is probable that they could get the same details from the crews of the ships they are loading.

4. To assist in the application of the SOPI referred to, the following examples are cited:-

Case A Goods ex Melbourne intended for DARWIN consigned by civilian contractors through commercial agents at Melbourne.

(i) If shipped to army services at CAIRNS for onward despatch the address would be CAIRNS in clear and thereafter 'XXXX' (the shipping designator for DARWIN) - ref para 3 (d) of SOPI 4.

(ii) If to be placed on ship for DARWIN in MELBOURNE, the civilian contractor would address the goods "DARWIN" in clear - ref para 3 (b) of SOPI 4. Note:- This will normally apply to food-stuffs and goods of a like nature which are not specialised and would not give information regarding impending operations.

Case B

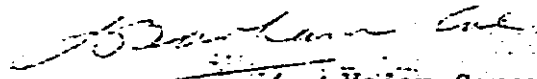
Goods ex MELBOURNE for DARWIN shipped by army services at MELBOURNE - whether for transshipment at CAIRNS or not, would be addressed 'XXXX' (the shipping designator for DARWIN) - ref para 3 (c) of SOPI 4.

The army service concerned may, of course, instruct a civilian contractor to mark a certain designator on the goods in lieu of an address before delivering to a point from which the army will effect despatch.

Case C

Goods delivered to wharf by civilian contractor at MELBOURNE for shipment in USASOS controlled ship to MILNE BAY would be addressed 'YYYY' (the shipping designator of MILNE BAY).

5. From these examples it follows that with all except USASOS controlled ships if the consignor is a civilian the address is marked in clear, if the consignor is army, designators are used. Where shipments are made on USASOS controlled ships, irrespective of who is the consignor, shipping designators will be used. It will never be necessary to disclose to a civilian contractor both the shipping designator and its meaning.


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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 459

Reference Maps:- MONG 1/25000
KORHATON 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 ACFT DIV to 0800 R/17

No change.

2. Area MCMA - MONROE
41 US DIV to 0800 R/17

No change.

3. Area LAE - BALANAVA - WAU
3 ACFT DIV to 1400 R/17

NASSAU BAY Area

P I B

On the night 16/17 Jul "C" Coy captured a Japanese outpost at 763922, 4 miles NE of SALUS.

205 US Fd Arty Bn

An observation post has been established at 763907 on the coast 2 1/2 miles NE of SALUS and "B" Bty is in position at SALUS.

218 US Fd Arty Bn

"A" Bty landed at 795825, 1 1/2 miles NW of SALUS.

3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

On 18 Jul "E" Coy was at 780000, on the high ground, 2 1/2 miles NW of SALUS.

2 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

On the morning of 14 Jul 5 officers and 150 ORs of "G" Coy arrived at NASSAU BAY.

MUSO Area

1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

At 1850 R/16 Bn HQ moved to 697876, 100 yards North of the footbridge over the BILGAP Creek. "B" Coy was at 695829 1 mile NE of MUSO Drome. "C" Coy was at 704824, 1 1/2 miles South of GOODVIEW Junction.

Aust Mountain Bty

Both guns less stores, had arrived at 700826, approx 1 1/2 miles SSE of GOODVIEW Junction.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

"D" Coy was in the area 1 1/2 miles South of GOODVIEW Junction.

MISSIM - BORDUBI Area

15 Aust Inf Bde

At 1000 hrs 14 Jul Rear HQ closed at MISSIM and moved to
HUNNS POST, thus completing the HQ in this area.

59/59 Aust Inf Bn

On the morning of 17 Jul "A" Coy was in contact with the
enemy NE of ORODUBI. Considerable Japanese movement North
from KOMLATUM was reported up to 0830 K/17.

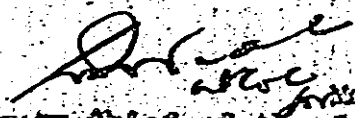
MARKHAM Area

24 Aust Inf Bn

At 1030 K/16 "D" Coy observation post at 672033, 100 yards
East of CAMP 1, was surprised by a party of Japanese with
two LMG's. There were no casualties.

4. Area BENA -- BENA
BENA FORCE to 0300 K/17

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 460

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NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 Aust Div to 0800 K/18

No change.

2. Area GONA - MOROBE
41 US Div to 1400 K/18

On 15 Jul a detachment from 6 Aust Inf Bde relieved 41 US Div Reconnaissance troops at DOUGLAS HARBOUR.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - MAU
3 Aust Div to 1400 K/18

COASTAL AREA

COAST Force is now controlling all operations in the coastal area and at 1925 K/17 Force HQ was at 787892, on the coast, 1 1/4 miles NW of SALUS.

2 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

"B" Coy and the remainder of "G" Coy arrived at MASSAU BAY.

3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

Now reported as moving North along the coast.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - MOROBI AREA

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

At 1930 K/16 "A" Coy attacked and captured enemy positions on the upper slopes of MT TAMBU. During the night six counter attacks were repulsed. At 2315 K/17 the Coy was established at 715915, and during the night the enemy again attacked. No details have yet been reported.

"D" Coy arrived at MT TAMBU, and was in position at 715913.

2/3 Aust Indop Coy

At 1700 K/17 "A" Platoon captured an enemy position at 697941, 200 yards NE of MOROBI. Two counter attacks were repulsed.

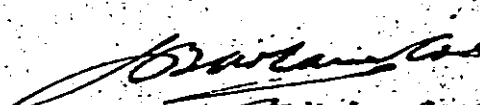
Active patrolling continues in the GOODVIEW JUNCTION, MOROBI and GRAIBALOK areas.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800 K/18

No change.

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20 Jul 45

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 461.

Reference Maps:- MEMO 1/25000
ROMAION 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILES BAY
3 AUSTR DIV to 0800K/19

No change.

2. Area GOMA - MOROBE
41 US DIV to 1400K/19

On 17 Jul, 3021 all ranks of 29 Aust Inf Bde arrived in GOMA area from MILES BAY.

At 1730K/17 186 US Inf Regt departed for MILES BAY.

Otherwise no change.

3. Area LAE - SALANGUA - MAU
3 AUSTR DIV to 1400K/19

COASTAL Area

On 17 Jul, HQ MACKESCHNIE FORCE was established at 826823 (just south of the mouth of the south arm of the MITOI RIVER).

Units of COASTAL FORCE at and forward of MASSAU BAY consist of:-

- 3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt
- F & G Coys, 2 Bn 162 US Inf Regt
- "A" Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion (previous reference was to "C" Coy in this area)
- "B" Bty 205 Pz Arty Bn
- "A" Bty 215 Pz Arty Bn
- Service Units.

On 19 Jul HQ of "A" Coy of the Papuan Infantry Battalion was at 763020 on the southern headland of MASSAU BAY.

By 1400K/19 "I" and "L" Coys 162 US Inf Regt had also reached this area (760920).

At 0400K/18, 11 Bty 2/5 Aust Pz Regt less one troop arrived at MASSAU BAY from GOMA area.

MUSO Area

At 1200K/17 Jul 16 Platoon 2/5 Aust Inf Bn moved from 080376 on OBSERVATION HILL to the MUSO DROME.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - BOEDUEI Area

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

At 0800K/17 Jul "A" Coy 162 US Inf Regt was placed under command 2/5 Aust Inf Bn.

The enemy attack on "A" Coy's position on MOUNT TAMBU 715915 on the night 17/18 Jul was repulsed. Known enemy casualties were 25 killed.

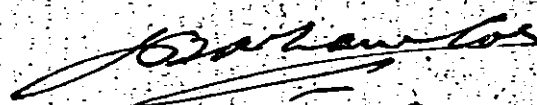
At 1000K/18 "A" Coy attacked an enemy position on RAZOR BACK 716917 on the track 1000 yards east of GOODVIEW JUNCTION, and by 1200K/18 had gained one hundred yards of vital ground.

Total casualties in the MOUNT TAMBU area from 16 Jul to 18 Jul were:-

Own - 6 killed, 14 wounded.
Enemy - 82 known killed.

4. Area BEMA BEMA
BEMA FORCE to 0800K/19

No change.


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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 462

Reference Map: KOMIATUM - 1/25,000

NEW GUINEA

1. **Area MILNE BAY**
5 AUSTR DIV to 0800 R/20

No change.

2. **Area GONA - MOROBE**
21 US DIV to 0800 R/20

No change.

3. **Area LAE - SALAMUA - WAU**
3 AUSTR DIV to 0800 R/20

GOCOVIER JUNCTION - BOBODUBI Area

The battle for the MOUNT TANBU area continues. Since 1930 R/16 when our troops occupied the upper slopes of MOUNT TANBU, the enemy has made nine determined attacks on our positions. All of these attacks have been repulsed. Estimates of total enemy casualties are not yet available.

At 1800 R/19 our troops were disposed on the northern heights of MOUNT TANBU with "D" Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and two platoons "A" Coy 3/5 Aust Inf Bn forward at 715918. "C" Coy 162 US Inf Regt less one platoon was approximately one hundred yards South of the forward troops. "A" Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn less two platoons was at 715911 on the high ground approximately six hundred yards SE of the forward troops.

On 20 Jul the 2/3 Aust Indep Coy reported enemy of unknown strength to be in position astride the track at 689829, 2 mile South of HANLING.

4. **Area BENA BENA**
BENA FORCE to 2000 R/19

No change.

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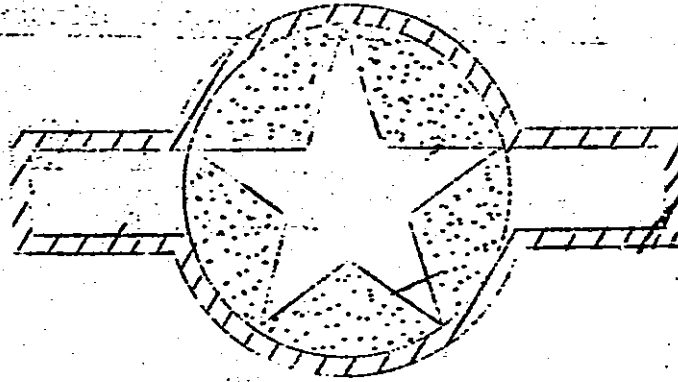
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1. The following changes in design of national insignia for United States Military Aircraft, are effective as from 8 Jul 43.

The straight line formed by the top edges of the two star points, parallel with the leading edge or top of the fuselage, is continued for a distance of one radius of the blue circle out from each side thereof. Two rectangles, each one radius long and one half radius wide, the inner ends of which remain concave to conform to the circle, are blocked in on each side of the blue circle in solid white, using the extension line as the top edge of the rectangle. The entire design is then outlined with a red border, one eighth radius wide. Gray is to be substituted for white on the top side of the wings of naval aircraft.

2.

A scale drawing of the revised insignia appears below:-



 red
 white
 blue

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Adv LHQ

21 Jul 43

AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO STANDARD OPERATIONAL
PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION NO. 4

SHIPPING DESIGNATORS.

1. Para 3(b) of Adv LHQ Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No. 4 of 29 May 43 is amplified as follows:-

"Cargo and passenger aircraft operating within AUSTRALIA and to PORT MORESBY and MILNE BAY from the mainland under the control of the Director of Air Transport, are for the purpose of these instructions, classified as commercial means."

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 403

Reference Maps:-
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KOKIATUM - 1/25,000
MARKSAM - 1 inch to 4 miles

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MIESE BAY
5 AUSTR DIV to 0800 K/21

No change.

2. Area GONA - WOROBE
41 US DIV to 0800 K/21

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - HAU
3 AUSTR DIV to 1400 K/21

COASTAL Area

3 Bn 162 US Inf Bn

At 1030 K/20 "H" Coy having overcome the enemy at 762922, 4 miles NW of SALUS, was moving along the beach towards ELSI. At the same time "I" Coy was moving towards 745923, 1/2 mile SW of ELSI.

2 Bn 162 US Inf Bn

"H" Coy was moving North from MARSAN BAY. On night 20/21 Jul "A" and "AA" deta landed at the South end of TAMBU BAY.

218 US Fd Arty Bn

At 0800 K/21 "A" and "B" Btys were at 795994, 1 1/2 mile NW of SALUS.

203 US Fd Arty Bn

At 0800 K/21 "B" Bty was at SALUS.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - HAMLING Area

The total enemy casualties in the MOUNT TAMBU area from inclusive 16 Jul to 0800 K/20 were reported as being 282 killed.

The Mountain Battery engaged enemy positions in the TAMBU area with harassing fire at 1010 K/18 and 1030 K/18. Enemy mountain guns replied.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

As a result of an enemy attack against "A" and "D" Coys at 1100 K/19 our casualties were 6 killed and 8 wounded. At 0800 K/20 a platoon of "B" Coy approaching from the West encountered enemy, estimated at one Coy at 705917, 200 yards West of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

2/3 Aust Indep Coy

At 2230 K/19 a party of JAPANESE moved to the HAMLING - HILLS

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Observation Post track. Subsequently the enemy was reported at 689932, on the track 800 yards South of HAWLING, and South and East of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy's position at AMBUSH KNOLL 691925, 100 yards East of the track South of HAWLING.

From 1040 K/20 the enemy attacked this position continually throughout the day. All attacks were repulsed.

At 1815 K/20 the enemy was again attacking, this time mainly from the East.

BOBDUBI Area

58/62 Aust Inf Bn

On 19 Jul a composite platoon of "A" Coy was at 698946, 100 yards North of GRAVEYARD (699945). At 1510 K/19 18 platoon of "D" Coy was at 698977, 1/2 mile West of OLD BOBDUBI, and 18 Platoon was at 698974, 1/2 mile SE of OLD BOBDUBI. At 1600 K/19 the mortar from "C" Coy fired 30 bombs on to the old VICKERS position. The rounds fell in the area but no direct hits were obtained.

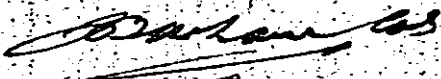
4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 2000 K/20

The MT road between GAROKA and ASALOKA (5 miles NW of GAROKA) was completed at 1700 K/16 and the road between BENA and KAIRAKTU was commenced at 0730 K/18.

2/2 Aust Indep Coy

At 1540 K/18 an advance party of "B" Platoon arrived at BUNDI, 28 miles NNW of BENA.

At 1300 K/19 5 Section of "B" Platoon arrived at BENA from ASALOKA. A further detachment arrived at 1830 K/19.


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Reference Maps:- KOWIATUN 1/25000.
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area WILHELM BAY
2nd BATT DIV to 0800H/22
No change.
2. Area SONA - MAROHE
41st BATT DIV to 0800H/22
No change.
3. Area LAE - MILNEBAI - WAG
1st BATT DIV to 0800H/22

CAMPAL Area

3rd 162 US Inf East

At 1230H/21 "K" and "L" Coys had reached a point five hundred yards north of BULSI. By 1400H/21 "K" Coy was in contact with the enemy 3 mile NW of BULSI (752942) and "L" Coy was in contact with the enemy 7 mile NW of BULSI (749942).

Artillery

During 21 Jul our artillery shelled enemy positions on the ridge running East West along the northern headland of TAMBAY BAY (752943 to 730247) and enemy guns 4 mile NW of MARAU 1 (756961).

COORPHE JUNCTION - KAILING Area

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

On the morning 21 Jul "B" Coy arrived at WEIL'S Observation Post and by 1400H/21 two platoons had unsuccessfully attacked an enemy position astride the track HUBBE FIELD to WEIL'S JUNCTION.

2/3 Aust 1st Coy

The enemy continued to attack our position on MARAU HILL (691935). Three attacks were made during the afternoon 21 Jul and three more during night 21/22 Jul. All attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties to the enemy.

It was estimated that the enemy were one company in strength in a position at 692732 half a mile South of KAILING.

SAIGON AREA

23/79 Aust Inf Bn

On the morning 21 Jul approximately sixty JAPANESE attacked our main position on BUIHIA CRACK 703994, 1 1/2 miles North of GLE BOEUBI. Our troops withdrew without casualties to 65076, 1 mile East of BUI BOEUBI.

SAIGON AREA

24 Aust Inf Bn

A JAPANESE force estimated at two hundred strong attacked a patrol from 12 platoon "D" Coy at the mouth of the HUANG RIVER. The patrol finally withdrew to a position at LECA seven miles inland.

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AREA FORCE to 0000Z/22

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23 Jul 43

Subject: CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DOCTRINE

1. The "Manual of Direct Air Support 1942" is rescinded.
2. The new Close Air Support Doctrine will be set out in a joint publication to be issued by Commander, Allied Air Forces and Commander, Allied Land Forces.
3. Advance copies of Section IV of this publication are forwarded, and will be effective from date of receipt.

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ALLIED LAND FORCES

CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DOCTRINE

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SECURITY

CHAPTER I GENERAL

1. Close Air Support embraces all forms of air action carried out by aircraft in support of military operations.
2. Chief forms of Close Air Support are:-
 - (a) Direct Air Attack which is defined as the employment of the airforce unit on a definite and fixed task for a specific purpose ultimately associated with a definite operation of a supported force.
 - (b) Air Reconnaissances for the purpose of gaining information concerning enemy and our own forces and including the direction of artillery fire.
3. The influences of weather.
 - (a) Weather has an important influence on Close Air Support and may necessitate the modification or even complete abandonment of the air programme, with a possible serious effect on the course of the battle. Weather over the target may be of less importance than weather at the aerodrome. Continuous heavy rain may render landing grounds unserviceable and mist and low cloud may make it impossible to land, thereby keeping aircraft on the ground. Fighters are more susceptible in this respect than bombers.
 - (b) Weather over the target affects in many ways that which can be accomplished. By night, low cloud and mist may make it both impossible to locate the target or to bomb with any accuracy. Good visibility by day facilitates finding the target, accurate bombing, and the attacks by formations of aircraft, which in turn permits an adequate concentration of effort to be obtained.
 - (c) On the other hand good visibility is entirely favourable to fighter and anti-aircraft action by the defence. It follows that unless a considerable measure of air superiority exists, aircraft (especially bombers, which attack targets under conditions of good visibility must expect serious losses.
 - (d) A degree of cloud, while permitting targets to be identified and attacked, at the same time enables aircraft to seek concealment in it when attacked, and so provides the most favourable conditions for operations in the face of fighter opposition. Such conditions, however, affect the timing of attacks, and it is apparent that an ample margin of time must be allowed when attacks are carried out in such weather.

Definitions:

- (1) Air Support Section: (Air Force personnel) A Section attached to the staff of an Air Force Commander for the purpose of assisting the Commander in all matters connected with Air Support.
- Under general direction of the Senior Air Force Officer, the Air Support Section is primarily responsible for the development of all aspects of air co-operation with Naval and Land forces. In matters pertaining to Air Support the Section exercises command in the name of the Air Force.
- (ii) Air Support Party: (Air Force personnel) One or more Air Support Officers with necessary personnel and equipment.
- (iii) Air Support Control: The tactical control exercised by the Air Support Section and/or Air Support Officers over combat aircraft in flight or assigned to Air Support missions.
- (iv) Air Support Pool: A given number of air units or aircraft placed under the direct control of an Air Support Section by an air force formation for a specific mission or period of time.
- (v) Ground Readiness: The conditions under which aircraft can be armed and serviced, personnel alerted and briefed, and off the ground on a mission within two hours after receipt of orders.
- (vi) Ground Alert: The conditions under which aircraft on the ground are fully armed and serviced, and air crews can be briefed and off the ground within 30 minutes after receiving orders.
- (vii) Air Alert: The conditions under which aircraft are in the air in close proximity of the target area in radio or visual contact with controlling Air Support Officer, armed and serviced for the execution of a mission immediately after receipt of target designation and orders to attack.
- (viii) Ground Air Net: A radio communication net through which Air Support Officers direct the operations of Air Support aircraft in flight and receive information therefrom pertaining to Air Support targets.
- (ix) Air Support Net: A communication system linking Air Support Parties with the Air Support Section and connecting the Air Support Section with appropriate land and air formations and units.
- (x) Air Liaison Section: (Army personnel) A section attached to an air force squadron which provides a link for the passage

of orders and information between the Army and Air Force.

Before an operation commences, a plan for Air Support should be decided upon. The army formation Commander and the Air Force Commander will mutually decide on a plan of support. This policy and objectives which the army formation Commander aims to achieve must be clearly defined and understood by all GSOs, ALOs Army and Air Force Unit Commanders who are concerned in the operation.

5. Intelligence. All necessary intelligence for the efficient working of Air Support Sections is provided jointly by normal intelligence staffs of HQ of Air Formations and of the supported army formation HQ.

Army and Air Force Liaison Officers will be given facilities to obtain intelligence information. Air Support Officers perform a similar function on behalf of the Air Force, in addition to their other duties, and should receive the same facilities.

CHAPTER II CHARACTERISTICS OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT

6. Close Air Support of ground forces in contact with the enemy requires careful coordination between attacking aircraft and the land forces concerned. In order to effect this coordination special air force personnel are trained to form air support sections which are part of the operations section of the staff at the appropriate Air Force HQ. Similar coordination is also required for all forms of air reconnaissance.

A - Direct Air Attack (Bombing and Ground Strafing)

7. Direct Air Attack is a particular application of Close Air Support. It may be described as air action, having a tactical effect, moral and/or material, on enemy forces engaged in battle with our own land forces.

8. Characteristics of Direct Air Attack. The following characteristics of direct air attack must be appreciated if the maximum use is to be made of this type of support.

- (a) Extreme Flexibility - The whole available air effort can be concentrated at short notice in any particular area or on any particular target. Centralised control is necessary to exploit this characteristic and at the same time prevent its abuse by dissipation of effort.
- (b) It can greatly outrange artillery support, but is less accurate, and accuracy does not improve as bombardment proceeds.
- (c) Aircraft and aircrews are highly specialised weapons and are difficult to replace. In view of their vulnerability the decision to use aircraft must be governed by careful consideration of the factors involved in the selection of targets for attack.

- (d) The weight of air attack depends chiefly on the number of aircraft employed. Centralised control is essential in order to develop adequate weight of attack and ensure economy of force.
- (e) Support ordered cannot always be guaranteed. It may be interrupted or even abandoned due to bad weather (see para 3) enemy action, mechanical failure, AA fire or other causes.
- (f) The local air situation may necessitate the provision of special fighter escort. The availability of such escort in these circumstances may be a limiting factor in the provision of air support.
- (g) Unlike artillery, there can be no absolute certainty of the time when air attacks will materialise. Aircraft may be delayed before taking off, or en route to the target, and they cannot normally wait over the target for a zero hour.
- (h) The effect against personnel may be moral rather than physical.

9. Evaluation of Targets suitable for attack by supporting aircraft. It must be expected that many targets will be found in areas not actually in contact with our leading troops, because ground forces tend to become more and more dispersed the nearer they get to the enemy.

10. Targets in close contact with our troops should be dealt with by their own supporting weapons, aircraft being used when such other support is not available in sufficient quantity and then only against targets which are likely to have a decisive effect on the operations.

11. The following factors should be considered when judging the value of the target.

- (a) That the target is of such a nature that it can be readily located and identified by the aircraft.
- (b) The time interval which must elapse before the attack can take place in relation to the changing situation of the ground.
- (c) Whether the number of aircraft which can be made available are sufficient to deal with the target satisfactorily.
- (d) The suitability of the target in relation to the type of aircraft available.
- (e) The possibility of using artillery and mortar fire instead of aircraft.

- (f) The probability of enemy opposition to be encountered both from the air and ground. This will effect the height and method of attack and consequently the ease of recognition of the target and the accuracy of the attack.
- (g) The location of our own troops relative to the targets and the chances of their being confused with the enemy.

Troops in buildings or dug in, are not readily vulnerable to machine gun attack from the air. AFVs whilst deployed are not suitable for bombing although they may be engaged effectively by low flying aircraft (fighters) equipped with cannon guns. Troops in MT on roads are generally more suitable for attack by fighters, whilst troops dug in or in a village are more readily vulnerable to bombers.

B. Air Reconnaissance.

12. Tactical Reconnaissance. (Tac R) Tactical reconnaissance may be carried out by a special Squadron allotted for this purpose or by Fighter or Fighter-Bomber Squadrons operating in the area. Tactical reconnaissance will be used primarily to obtain information about an area in close proximity to forward troops. This information may include likely targets for close air support. Requests for tactical reconnaissance will be made to the Air Support Section. Should a pilot on a tactical reconnaissance discover what he considers to be a suitable target for close air support he will pass the information by wireless to the Air Support Section.

The Army headquarters in the scene of operations will be kept informed of all details from air reconnaissances by ALOs who are attached to the Air Force headquarters and to individual squadrons.

13. Contact Reconnaissance. (Contact R) carried out for the purpose of locating and reporting the positions held by our own forward troops.

14. Photographic Reconnaissance (Ph R) may be carried out by special photographic aircraft or by medium and heavy bomber aircraft. Photographic reconnaissances usually consist of photographic strips taken of enemy defensive positions, airfields and shipping.

15. Artillery Reconnaissance (Arty R) consists in observing certain areas of enemy territory with the object of neutralising, registering or transmitting information and messages regarding hostile batteries and targets other than hostile batteries. Procedure for the direction of artillery fire from the air will be in accordance with a directive as laid down by the Commander in Chief of the area of operations.

CHAPTER III ORGANIZATION

16. Close Liaison between land and air force commanders is

of paramount importance. Whenever possible Commanders should establish local joint Army-Air HQ, and at all times a regular and generous exchange of views should be effected by personal visits. Army ALOs will be appointed to the Air Force Squadrons operating in the combat zones and Air Force LOs will be placed at appropriate HQ.

17. Command Air Support Section. Air Support Section at the Air Force HQ is responsible for:-

- (i) Advising Air Force Commander on air support matters generally.
- (ii) For coordination of air-ground training with the army.
- (iii) All other matters directly connected with the Air Force and Army.

The Section is also responsible for placing liaison officers on HQ of relevant army formations.

18. Subordinate Air Support Section. An Air Support Section will be established when the operational commitment of any particular formation necessitates such action. These Sections will be responsible for maintaining close liaison with army formations, with whom they may be required to cooperate, and for the organization and control of air support operations in their respective areas.

19. Air Support Party. Air Support Sections at subordinate air formations are required to provide one or more Air Support Parties in support of these Army formation Headquarters to which air support has been or is likely to be allotted. The Air Support Party advises the appropriate Force Commander on all air matters, forwards requests for air support and relevant information and intelligence to air support section, and when required, coordinates and controls air-ground action.

An Air Support Party is not normally placed in support of an army formation lower than a division. In view, however, of the conditions in the SWPA no hard and fast rule can be laid down and suitable parties will be provided in support of such lower formations as the appropriate army and air commanders deem necessary. Parties should be capable of being transported by air.

20. Command Air Liaison Section. The Command Air Liaison Section at Air Force HQ is responsible for:-

- (i) advising the Air Force Commander on all matters relative to army operations.
- (ii) conveying the wishes of the army formation commander on all matters relating to cooperation between Army and Air Force.

21. Squadron Air Liaison Section. A Squadron Air Liaison Section will be attached to each operational Squadron of the Air Force.

It will:-

- (i) be responsible for advising the Squadron Commander on all matters appertaining to the army operations within his immediate theatre of operations.
- (ii) obtain details of observations made by the pilots in the course of their missions.

CHAPTER IV - COMMAND CHANNELS

22. Allotment and command of Air Support.- All or part of the Air Forces in the Southwest Pacific Area may be employed in support of ground operations. The proportion of air effort to be so employed will be determined by the Air Force Commander in accordance with directives by the Commander of the combined forces in the area. Air Forces allocated for air support are retained under Air Force command.

23. Instructions regarding allocation of specific aircraft, or units, for close air support, together with bomb loads, degree of readiness for all relevant details will be issued by the appropriate Air Force Formation Commander. Although these aircraft may be allotted to an Air Support Pool they normally operate from their usual base. If for any reason this should be impracticable such aircraft may have to be concentrated at a more convenient aerodrome for the duration of a specific operation.

24. Origin of Requests. Requests for air support of any nature originate from any Unit Commander and follow normal army channels until they reach a formation or unit where an Air Support Party is located. Requests will include the following information:-

- (a) Type or designation of target, including particulars of map or aerial photo used in identification.
- (b) Exact location of target by best means available.
- (c) Direction of movement of target, if any.
- (d) All distinguishing characteristics of target.
- (e) Location of friendly troops in vicinity of target.
(If likely to advance, anticipated location and time of arrival at same).
- (f) Time limits of requested support if necessary.

25. Evaluation at forward formation HQ. When a request for close air support is received at a forward formation HQ, the formation commander in collaboration with Air Support Officer will evaluate such a request considering it in relation to the general plan.

It is the duty of the Air Support Officer to advise the formation commander with whom he is operating of the practicability of the execution of the mission and of the advisability of recommending requests.

26. Recommendation by forward formation HQ. The decision as to whether or not a request will be recommended rests with the formation commander. Such decision will be made after full consideration of the Air Support Officer's advice.

27. Transmission of Request. If the formation commander approves the request it will be forwarded without delay by the Air Support Officer over the air support net to the Air Support Section. Requests for air support have priority over all other matters on the air support net.

28. Evaluation at Air Support Section. When a request for close air support is received at the Air Support Section, that section will consider the request in collaboration with the representative of the army formation Headquarters which it is supporting.

29. Decision on Request at Air Support Section. The decision as to whether or not any air support mission will be ordered rests with the Air Support Section which acts in the name of the appropriate air force formation commander. Such decisions will be guided by the air means available and priority of air effort as related to the situation as a whole.

30. Notification of Decision. When a decision has been reached as to whether or not the mission will be ordered, the Air Support Section will advise the requesting army formation through the Air Support Party. If not approved reasons will be stated. If the request is approved the Air Support Section will give relevant details.

31. Direct Requests. During a rapidly changing situation certain squadrons, or aircraft, may be placed in direct support of a subordinate army formation or unit, for a specific operation. Under these circumstances an Air Support Officer may be located at that particular army formation or unit headquarters and order missions direct from the Air Support Pool.

32. Ground Report on Result of a Direct Air Attack Mission. After an attack by support aircraft, the army Commander who requested the support will report the results of the attack to the Air Support Section through the same channels as were used for the original request.

33. Ground-Air Control. When circumstances necessitate ground control of support aircraft in flight the Air Support Section or Air Support Party as applicable, will effect such control through its ground-air net. Under no circumstances will control of support aircraft be vested in any other than Air Force authorities.

34. Reconnaissance. Requests for reconnaissance may originate with any unit commander and follow normal army channels until they reach a formation where an Air Support Party is located. Thereafter they are treated in a similar manner to a Direct Air Attack request.

CHAPTER V SIGNAL COMMUNICATIONS

36. The Army is responsible for the provision and operation of such communications as will be used between forward army units and the Army headquarters at which an Air Support Party is located. All other tactical air support communications is the responsibility of the Air Force.

37. Line and Wireless Communications. The Air Force Commander will be responsible for the provision, installation and maintenance and operation of the following communication:-

- (a) R/T and W/T between Air Support Parties and aircraft.
- (b) R/T and W/T between Air Support Sections and aircraft.
- (c) W/T and L/T between Air Support Parties and Air Support Sections.
- (d) W/T and L/T between Air Support Parties and Squadrons allotted for Air Support.
- (e) W/T and L/T between Air Support Sections and appropriate Air Force Formation HQ and Squadrons allotted for Air Support.

R/T and W/T communications will comprise one Simplex channel and one telephone channel in each case.

Line communication will normally be employed for all ground channels. W/T, however, will be available as an alternate means.

38. Visual Signals. When any form of cooperation is of such a nature as to preclude the use of wireless and line communication, prearranged visual signals will be used.

39. Air-Ground Recognition Signals. Methods for the recognition and identification of friendly aircraft by ground forces and methods for recognition of our ground troops by air crews will be governed by Signal Operation Instructions.

40. Map Reference and Time Codes. Under certain circumstances it may be necessary to use simple codes for map reference and future times. Any such codes should be agreed between the Air and Army formation commanders concerned and should be employed over ground channels only as it is not always practicable to use them in reconnaissance and support aircraft.

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24 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 465.

Reference Map: KOSIATUM 1/25000.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MIENE BAY
5 Aust Div to 0400K/23

No change.

2. Area GOHA - MOROBE
41 US Div to 0800K/23

No change.

3. Area LAM - SALAMUA - WAB
3 Aust Div to 1400K/23

COASTAL Area

The enemy estimated to be three hundred strong still hold the high ground North of TAMBU BAY.

Artillery

By 23 Jul "A" and "C" Bty 205 US Fd Arty Bn had arrived at MASLAW BAY and one section 11 Bty 2/6 Fd Regt had moved forward to TAMBU BAY.

3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

"A" Coy was patrolling from the North end of TAMBU BAY. On 23 Jul "R" and "L" Coys withdrew from the ridge and "L" Coy was located at 747939 a position on the beach track seven hundred yards North of BOISI.

Papuan Infantry Battalion

Coy B2 plus one platoon was at 727936 on the track 1 1/2 miles East of KOSIATUM.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - HAILIN Area.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

On morning 23 Jul a patrol of "B" Coy reached AMBUSH KNOLL and reported the track WELL'S JUNCTION - AMBUSH KNOLL to be clear of the enemy. At 0900K/23 Advanced Battalion Headquarters arrived at BASE FOUR and "C" Coy was moving along the track BASE FOUR-DIRHE Observation Post.

4. Area BENA BENA
SENA FORCE to 0800K/23

No change.

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25 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 468

Reference Maps:- KOMIATUN 1/25000
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILEE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800Z/24

No change.

2. Area GONA - HORONE
41 US DIV to 0800Z/24

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - WAU
3 AUST DIV to 1400Z/24

COASTAL Area

Papuan Infantry Battalion

"A" Coy was at 751934, 1 mile West of BOISI.

162 US Inf Regt

One Coy was at 751934, 1 mile West of BOISI.

2/8 Aust Fd Regt

One section of 11 Bty was at 743932, 200 yards West of BOISI.

On night 22/23 Jul a further section landed at TANBU Bay.

206 US Fd Arty Bn

On night 22/23 Jul "C" Bty landed at TANBU Bay.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - HAWLING Area

Relief of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy by 2/5 Aust Inf Bn in the WELLS JUNCTION - AMBUSH KNOLL area was completed by 1540Z/23. At 1125Z/23 our mortars fired on an enemy position on SUGARCANE Ridge at approximately 895935, 500 yards SE of HAWLING. At 1550Z/23 ninety six Japanese moved North from this position and at 1715Z/23 a further one hundred and twenty moved North.

At 1730Z/23 the enemy still had a standing patrol on SUGARCANE Ridge.

The estimated total of casualties inflicted by 15 Aust Inf Bde from 20 Jun to 1800 hrs 23 Jul (excluding the action at AMBUSH KNOLL 20 - 22 Jul) is:

207 killed and 38 wounded
32 probably killed and 71 probably wounded.

BORDUBI Area

SS/SS Aust Inf Bn

At 1615K/23 standing patrols from "D" Coy were established at 701978, 400 yards West of OLD BORDUBI and 705988, 1000 yards North of OLD BORDUBI. A composite platoon from SQ Coy was disposed at 622978, 623988 and 626984, on area 1000 yards NNE of NEW BORDUBI.

MARKHAM Area

At 0945K/23 a patrol from 24 Aust Inf Bn engaged some enemy at 552918, on the KIANH River, 8 miles from the coast.

Our standing patrol was at 545910, the junction of the PT LINH Creek and HUANG River.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/24

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26 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 487.

Reference Map: ROBINSON 1/25,000

NEW GUINEA.

1. Area MILNE BAY.
5 ARCT DIV to 0800 K/25

No change.

2. Area GONA - MONDRE
41 US DIV to 0800 K/25

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - HAU
3 ARCT DIV to 1400 K/25

CORRENT AREA.

3 Bn 162 US Inf Fent.

At 0015 K/25 "I" Coy was on the track at 728028, 1 1/2 miles NW of BOISI. "E" Coy was on the track 100 yards to the South. A patrol from "I" Coy saw an enemy emplacement being constructed on the track at 732946, 2000 yards NE of the Coy position. Both Coys are now moving North along the track. On the morning of 25 Jul "K" Coy was at 748940, 900 yards North of BOISI. "K" Coy was in the TAMBU BAY area.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - HANLING Area.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

An attack on MT TAMBU and GOODVIEW JUNCTION on the morning 24 Jul was not successful. An enemy party estimated at one company was at 701913, 1/2 mile SW of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn.

At 1100 K/24 Bn HQ opened at WELLS JUNCTION. One platoon of "C" Coy captured the forward slopes of SUGARCANE Ridge. Enemy are still at 694934, 600 yards SE of HANLING.

4. Area BERA BERA
BERA FORCE to 0800 K/25

No change.

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27 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTHERN WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 488.

Reference Maps: KOKIATUM 1/25000
HEATHS 1/25000

HEATHS AREA

1. Area MILEE BAY
5 AUSP DIV to 1000E/26

No change.

2. Area GOEA - MONORE
41 US DIV to 0800E/26

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - TAPU
5 AUSP DIV to 0800E/26

COASTAL Area

Artillery

In TAPU BAY area artillery, with an Observation Post at HUAIBALON, registered KOKIATUM RIDGE and other enemy positions. All artillery is now under central control.

205 US Fd Arty Bn

"1" Bty is now in position at 760923, 400 yards West of the Southern headland of TAPU BAY.

162 US Inf Bn

At 1500E/25 one platoon "1" Coy with one platoon Paganan Infantry Battalion was in position astride the track, 1200 yards W of MOUNT TAPU at 723923. It was estimated that there were fifty Japanese in this area.

On the night 25/26 Jul the balance of 2 Bn landed at TAPU BAY.

GOODVIEW JUNCTION - HAKELING Area

During 25 Jul there was patrol activity and a regrouping of units for further operations in the area.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

Patrols obtained further information of enemy positions in MOUNT TAPU area.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

On 24 Jul the battalion secured the dominating ground on SUGARCANE RIDGE.

34

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

By 2245H/25 "A" Coy had arrived at GUADALUPAL and Bn HQ was at SEIMENAI.

It is estimated that between 20 Jul and 22 Jul enemy casualties at AMBUSH KNOLL - BELLS JUNCTION, were 51 killed. Our casualties during the same period were 3 killed and 8 wounded.

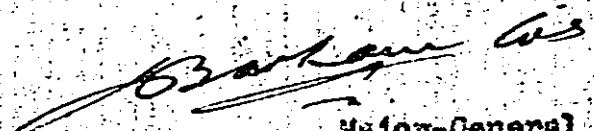
MARKHAM Area

Papuan Infantry Battalion

At 1045H/25 a patrol was ambushed by the enemy at 553420, one mile SW of MARKHAM POINT. The enemy withdrew.

4. Area MINA SENA
SENA FORCE to 0800H/25

No change.


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28 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 489.

Reference Map: KOWIATON 1/25000.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/27
No change.
2. Area GONA - HOROKHE
41 US DIV to 0800K/27
No change.
3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - HAE
3 AUST DIV to 1400K/27

COASTAL Area

On 25 Jul our Field Artillery was disposed as follows:-

TAMBU BAY Area	-	eight 105 mm Howitzers.
		four 25 pounders.
LAKE SALUA Area	-	four 105 mm Howitzers.
		eight 75 mm Howitzers.

On night 22/23 Jul the remainder of "C" Bty 209 US CA Bn (AA) landed at HASSAU BAY. On 25 Jul two troops of 162 Aust Lt AA Bty arrived at HASSAU BAY.

162 US Inf Regt

By 26 Jul "I" Coy had advanced approximately one mile along the track and engaged the enemy on the West end of the ridge at 737045 killing twelve Japanese.

On the afternoon 26 Jul a platoon from "L" Coy and a detachment of the Papuan Infantry Battalion engaged a party of Japanese at 725925, 1600 yards NE of MOUNT TAMBU killing ten. A second platoon of "L" Coy and one platoon of Papuan Infantry Battalion was in position on the track 200 yards North of the scene of the engagement.

KOWIATON Area

On the afternoon of 26 Jul our artillery at TAMBU BAY engaged enemy positions at 692932, 600 yards South of HAKLING and the OLD VICKERS position in the BOMBUBI area. The shelling was followed by active patrolling.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol contacted the Papuan Infantry Battalion at

727035 2,500 yards NE of MOUNT TAIHU.

2/5 Aust Indep Coy

The company was concentrated in the HANLING area and "A" platoon plus one section moved on the morning 25 Jul en route to CHAIBALON.

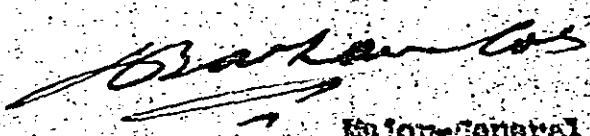
2/7 Aust Inf Bn

By 2245X/25 portion of Bn Coy was at SKINDENAI.

During 26 Jul "B" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn arrived at FILIEUNG.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800X/27

No change.


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29 Jul 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 470

Reference Maps : KOHIATUM 1/25000
RAWU TRACK 1 inch to 2 miles

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/28

No change.

2. Area GORA - MCHOSE
41 US DIV to 0800K/28

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - WAD
5 AUST DIV to 1400K/28

COASTAL Area

On 27 Jul the attack on ROOSEVELT RIDGE, North of TAMBU
BAY 741944 to 754943 commenced.

162 US Inf Regt

"B" Coy attacked from the South and was digging in at
740944, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West of BUIAMUN. "I" Coy moved NE along
the track and encountering slight resistance is now in
position at 738951 and 738946, approximately one mile
West of BUIAMUN. "K" Coy was patrolling the Southern
slopes of the ridge. "P" Coy was at 743946, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile West
of BUIAMUN.

KOHIATUM Area

The enemy are reported to be strengthening their defensive
positions in the MOUNT TAMBU area. Our artillery has
engaged these positions and our patrols are active.

On 28 Jul the OLD VICKERS gun position in the BONDUBI
area was captured. No further details are yet to hand.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/28

Enemy patrols were active along the RAWU RIVER and it is
estimated that there were one hundred Japanese at ARORA
and thirty at LAKGSSUA (near MANAWASA).

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20 Jul 43

General Headquarters
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 471

Reference Map: KOMIATUM 1/25,000

NEW GUINEA:

1. Area HILNE BAY
5 AUSTR DIV to 0800 K/29

No change

2. Area GOMA - MOROBE
11 AUSTR DIV to 0800 K/29

At 1500 K/28 HQ 11 Aust Div relieved HQ 41 US Div.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - HAU
5 AUSTR DIV to 0800 K/29

COASTAL Area

Artillery

On the afternoon of 28 Jul US Arty shelled the foot bridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO River.

8 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

On the afternoon of 27 Jul "E" and "F" Coys attacked ROOSEVELT Ridge advancing 400 yards East to 744944, 1,000 yards West of BULAMBON. Enemy casualties were heavy during the action.

KOMIATUM Area

1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

At 0850 K/28 Bn HQ took over command of the MT TAMBUN area.

3 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

An enemy attack on our position at 725925 was repulsed.

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

The Bn was disposed in positions to the East, South and West of GOODVIEW JUNCTION, the corrected location of which is now reported to be 700907.

2/8 Aust Inf Bn.

On the afternoon of 27 Jul "B" Coy attacked and occupied enemy positions on the lower slopes of SUGARCANE Ridge. An enemy counter attack was repulsed.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

It is now reported that the OLD VICKERS position was captured by "C" Coy and 7 platoon "A" Coy. Enemy casualties were heavy and our troops are in position overlooking the COCONUTS.

ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

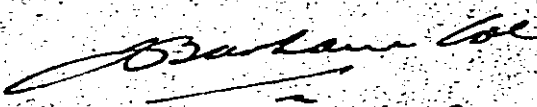
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2/7 Aust Inf Bn

"A" and "B" Coys were in the vicinity of NEW BORDUBI.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800 E/22

No change.


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ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 472.

Reference Maps: KOMIATUM 1/25000
WATHE 1 inch to 1 mile.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area HINEH BAY
5 AUST DIV to 0800E/30
No change.
2. Area OSHI - MOGOM
11 AUST DIV to 0800E/30
No change.
3. Area LNE - SALAMUA - LNU
3 AUST DIV to 1245E/30

COASTAL AREA

Artillery

During 29 Jul the enemy shelled our gun positions at 795894, 1 1/2 miles NW of SALUB and 765923 1/2 miles NE of SALUB, and again on the morning of 30 Jul they shelled the gun positions at TAIHU BAY. On 29 and 30 Jul our guns shelled the KOMIATUM area, enemy positions in the MOUNT TAIHU area and the footbridge at the mouth of the FRANCISCO River.

162 US Inf Regt

On the afternoon 28 Jul a platoon of "I" Coy repulsed two enemy attacks at 732954, on the track 1 mile NE of ENIAHUB.

KOMIATUM AREA

On 30 Jul our troops made an unsuccessful attack on enemy positions on MOUNT TAIHU. No details are yet to hand.

2/3 Aust Inf Coy

On 29 Jul "A" platoon attacked and gained ground in the vicinity of GRAVE YARD 698944, 600 yards SE of GUMBAH, and was in a strong position overlooking the enemy positions towards OMBUHI.

53/59 Aust Inf Bn

"A" Coy has established a standing patrol at 766967 the track junction 1/2 mile south of OLD BOHUBI.

On 29 Jul "B" Coy was relieved by "B" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. "B" Coy 53/59 Aust Inf Bn then moved to an assembly area at 698965, 1 1/2 miles SE of OLD BOHUBI.

15 Platoon "C" Coy was digging in one hundred yards south of SOUTH COCONUTS.

2/7 AM 114323

At 1720Z/29 headquarters was established at 687969, on the track 1 mile south of NEW BOMBOUET.

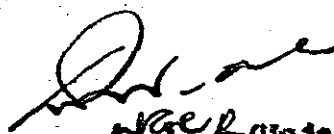
2/7 AM 114323

27/60 East Def En

At 1600Z/28 a patrol had arrived at SAINE 114393.

4. APPROXIMATE AREA
114393 to 0800Z/30

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LIST OF OFFICERS GS(OPS) ADV LHQ as at 31 Jul 43.

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BGS Col L de L BARHAM
GSO I Lt-Col G A BERTRAM
Lt-Col R R VIAL

GSO II Maj M AUSTIN
Maj W KIDSTON
Maj J W LONDON
Maj B W B CARROLL
Capt H C KAISER

GSO III Capt R F MOODIE
Capt F S BURR

Staff Learners Capt G D SOLOMON
Lieut H R J WOOTTON

ARRIVALS AT ADV LHQ DURING JULY

Maj J W LONDON - rejoined unit on 16 Jul after tour of duty with HQ Sixth US Army.
Capt H C KAISER - marched in from Arty Sec to GS(Ops) Sec.

DEPARTURES FROM ADV LHQ DURING JULY

Lt-Col M W HOPE RA - marched out for return to U.K. on 21 Jul 43.
Capt D D BALFOUR-
OGILVY - marched out to HQ NG Force on 8 Jul 43.

MOVEMENTS OF PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS DURING JULY

BGS Col L de L BARHAM - returned from tour of inspection NG on ¹⁰9 Jul 43.


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BRISBANE	1 Aug		Daily Operations Report 473, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 1.
BRISBANE	2 Aug		Daily Operations Report 474, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 2.
BRISBANE	3 Aug		Daily Operations Report 475, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 3.
BRISBANE	4 Aug		Daily Operations Report 476, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 4.
BRISBANE	5 Aug		Daily Operations Report 477, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 5.
BRISBANE	6 Aug		Daily Operations Report 478, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 6.

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BRISBANE	6 Aug		LHQ Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No.8	Appx 7.
			SOPI 8 defines policy regarding key personnel in forward areas	
			to ensure that such personnel are not unnecessarily exposed to	
			risks of capture by the enemy.	
BRISBANE	7 Aug		Daily Operations Report 479 Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces,	Appx 8.
			South West Pacific Area.	
BRISBANE	8 Aug		Daily Operations Report 480, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces,	Appx 9.
			South West Pacific Area.	
BRISBANE	9 Aug		Daily Operations Report 481, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces,	Appx 10.
			South West Pacific Area.	
BRISBANE	10 Aug		Daily Operations Report 482, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces,	Appx 11.
			South West Pacific Area.	
BRISBANE	11 Aug		Daily Operations Report 483, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces,	Appx 12.
			South West Pacific Area.	

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BRISBANE	13 Aug		Daily Operations Report 485, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 14
BRISBANE	13 Aug		Amendment No.1 to LHQ Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No.1; 19th Jan 43. (Method of Describing Days in Plans and Orders for Operations).	Appx 15
BRISBANE	14 Aug		Daily Operations Report 486, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 16.
BRISBANE	15 Aug		Daily Operations Report 487, Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces, South West Pacific Area.	Appx 17
BRISBANE	15 Aug		Adv HQ, Allied Land Forces - List of Officers GS (Ops) as at 15 Aug	Appx 18

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BRISBANE	16 Aug		Daily Operations Report 488, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	Appendix 19
			South West Pacific Area	
BRISBANE	17 Aug		Daily Operations Report 489, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	Appendix 20
			South West Pacific Area	
BRISBANE	18 Aug		Daily Operations Report 490, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	Appendix 21
			South West Pacific Area	
BRISBANE	19 Aug		Daily Operations Report 491, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	Appendix 22
			South West Pacific Area	
BRISBANE	20 Aug		Daily Operations Report 492, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	
			South West Pacific Area	Appendix 23
BRISBANE	21 Aug		Daily Operations Report 493, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	Appendix 24
			South West Pacific Area	
BRISBANE	22 Aug		Daily Operations Report 494, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces	Appendix 25
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BRISBANE	24 Aug		Daily Operations Report 496 - Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area	Appendix 27
BRISBANE	25 Aug		Daily Operations Report 497, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area	Appendix 28
BRISBANE	26 Aug		Daily Operations Report 498, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area	Appendix 29
BRISBANE	27 Aug		Daily Operations Report 499, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area	Appendix 30
BRISBANE	28 Aug		Daily Operations Report 500, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area	Appendix 31
BRISBANE	29 Aug		Daily Operations Report 501, Adv HQ - Allied Land Forces South West Pacific Area	Appendix 32 XK

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ALLIED LAND FORCES
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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General Headquarters
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT 473

Reference Maps: SALAMUA 1/25000
MINI-MAP 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY

MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMPLEX to 0800Z/41

At 0800Z/41 command of the area passed from 3 Aust Div to MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMPLEX.

2. Area GONA - MOPORE

41 US DIV to 0800Z/41

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALAMUA - WAB

3 Aust Div to 1400Z/41
COASTAL Area

On 19 and 20 Jul our artillery registered targets on SUGARLOVE Ridge, enemy heavy AA gun at 734018, on the Isthmus, 1/2 mile from the coast and also in the vicinity of the centre of the Isthmus.

2 Am 132 US Inf Bn

On night 20/1 Jul "C" Coy moved from HASSAU BAY to TAMBU BAY.

ZONIATON Area

During 20 Jul continuous patrolling was carried out by our troops in the vicinity of GOGIVIN Junction.

32/58 Aust Inf Bn

"A" Coy pushed forward and by 1800Z/40 had cut the main ZONIATON track at 708244. Later "C" Coy occupied position on the bench cut track at 708220 and 708268 and the track junction at 708267.

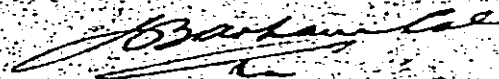
At 1400Z/40 "B" Coy attacked the GOGIVIN from the OLD VICERS position. Opposition was encountered from the SOUTH GOGIVIN, where enemy strength was estimated at sixty. Two enemy attacks at 0200Z/41 and 0400Z/41 caused a slight withdrawal of our forward troops, who had been occupying old enemy positions within twenty yards of the enemy.

It is believed that the Japanese mountain gun, which has been firing from alternative positions, was destroyed by our artillery at 0200Z/41.

4. Ared BENA BENA

BENA FORCE to 0900K/31

No change.


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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 474

Reference Maps: KORIATUM 1/25000
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KANG 1 inch to 4 miles
KANKHAN 1 inch to 4 miles

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SILNE BAY
SILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND to 2000 K/1

No change.

2. Area GOHA - KIROBE
11 AUST DIV to 2000 K/1

No change.

3. Area LAE - SALASUA - MAU
3 AUST DIV to 2000 K/1

COASTAL Area

2 Bn 162 US Inf Bn

On the morning of 31 Jul "B" Coy moved through "B" Coy's position at 744944 and attacked KOROBEZET RIDGE from the East. No details have been reported.

KORIATUM Area

On 31 Jul our forces continued patrolling in the vicinity of GORVINE JUNCTION, MORING - ORCHARD Area and KOROBEZET Area.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 1645 K/31 one platoon of "A" Coy ambushed a party of forty enemy at 706959, 2000 yards NE of KAIRALOH, killing eight.

At 0630 K/1 enemy attacked 15 Platoon at 704958, 1200 yards NE of KAIRALOH. No details have been reported.

WATUT VALLEY Area

57/60 Aust Inf Bn

A small detachment was at PESH.

Papuan Infantry Battalion

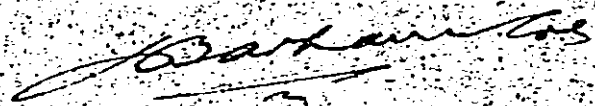
A small detachment was at the WAPPA RIVER, 11 miles NE of PESH.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 2000 K/1

On 30 Jul a patrol from 2/2 Aust Indep Coy in the

MAHAWASA Area was fired on by hostile natives.

Our patrol's base buildings and stores in the
SIRINIBU Area (WH 4639) were destroyed by hostile
natives.



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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT #78

Reference Maps: KOMIATUM 1/25,000
RANU Track Map 1 inch to 2 miles

WEST GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
11th AUST DIV PORTERES COMAND to 2000 K/1

No change.

2. Area GOYA - MOROBE
11 AUST DIV to 0800 K/2

No change.

3. Area SALAMUA
8 AUST DIV to 1400 K/2

GOYAN Area

Artillery

There was increased fire generally by our artillery during 1 Aug. A direct hit was registered on an aircraft on the SALAMUA airfield and twenty yards of footbridge were destroyed at the mouth of the FRANCISCO River.

162 US Inf Regt

"B" Coy has moved into reserve at 738041, 2,000 yards NW of BOISI. "E" and "F" Coys attacked along ROOSEVELT RIDGE from the West but at 1800 K/31 returned to 742044, 2,000 yards NW of BOISI. At 1500 K/31 one platoon of "L" Coy occupied positions vacated by the enemy at 734926, 2,000 yards NW of MOUNT TAMEU.

During 1 Aug our troops continued patrolling in all areas. Enemy positions have been located at 723321, 1,000 yards NE of MOUNT TAMEU. Six JAPANESE were killed on ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

KOMIATUM Area

17 Aust Inf Bde

At 1000 K/2 Advanced HQ closed at CHADAGASAN and reopened at 692838, 1,000 yards South of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

Patrolling continued in the GOODVIEW JUNCTION Area.

Twenty Japanese were ashured on the KOMIATUM Track at 1830 K/1 and seven were killed.

BOZUAI Area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

On 31 Jul further attacks on "B" Coy caused a withdrawal to the vicinity of the OLD VICKERS position. 13 and 15 Platoons of "C" Coy were at 704958, 1 1/2 miles South of OLD BOZUAI.

On 1 Aug "A" Coy
KNIFE and BROW
OLD BORDOBI.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

On the morning of 1 Aug and again on morning of 2 Aug
the enemy unsuccessfully attacked "A" Coy at the OLD
VICKERS position.

4. Area BENA BENA

BENA FORCE to 0800 E/2

Reference Daily Operations Report 474, Para 4 for
RAHAWASA road WATAHAUSA (approximately 18 miles NE of
BENA).

At 0900 E/31 a detachment of 2/8 Aust Indep Coy was
again fired on by natives near WATAHAUSA. At 1500 E/1
twenty enemy moved towards SMOOKS HOUSE (4 miles East
of RAINBOW) from the NE.

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 478

Reference Maps: KORIATUM 1/25000
RA40 Track Map 1 inch to 2 miles

NEW GUINEA

1. Area MILNE BAY
MILNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND to 0800Z/3

No change.

2. Area BORA - MOROBE
11 AUST DIV to 0800Z/3

No change.

3. Area SALAMUA
3 AUST DIV to 0800Z/3

COASTAL Area

On 2 Aug an 182 US Inf Bn supported by artillery made a further attack on the West end of HOGSVILLE RIDGE. Some enemy MG posts were destroyed but our troops finally withdrew to their original positions. The enemy have occupied a position at 70847-1, miles NW of SOISI.

During our air attack on SALAMUA, our 105 mm guns neutralized two AA guns at the SE end of the Isthmus and later silenced a third.

15 Aust Inf Bn

By 0800Z/3 one coy had arrived at MILNE BAY from the BORA area.

BOBUBI Area

On 1 Aug the mountain battery scored direct hits on the JAPANESE pillboxes on MOUNT TAKERU.

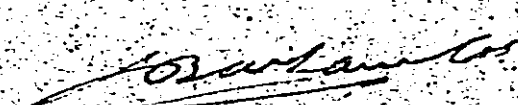
On the afternoon 2 Aug an engagement with the enemy at 68027, 1200 yards SE of NEW BOBUBI resulted in twenty five JAPANESE being killed. Our casualties were two wounded. Our patrols along the banks of the FRANCISCO River were fired on at 708978, 800 yards SW of OLD BOBUBI and at 701980, 150 yards North of OLD BOBUBI.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

On 2 Aug "B" Coy reached a point just North of the VICKERS position, 702956, 1 mile NE of GWAIDALOH.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/3

On 2 Aug there were thirty enemy at SNOOK'S HOUSE and further ninety were reported to be moving from the RAI RIVER to SNOOK'S HOUSE.


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DAILY OPERATIVE REPORT 177.

Reference Map: KGM177 1/25000.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area ELDER BAY
ELDER BAY NORTHEAST CORNER to 0600N/4

No change.

2. Area GOMA - BOPONE
11 AUGUST DIV to 0800N/4

No change.

3. Area PALANAU
3 AUGUST DIV to 1400N/4

SECURITY AREA

It has been reported that the enemy are preparing a defensive line between NORTH TAPPE and GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

2/1 First Inf Bn

A patrol from "A" Coy towards the 0800N/4 discovered a newly constructed enemy position 300 yards N2 of the OLD VICKERS position. It was unoccupied by the enemy.

At 2115N/3 the enemy unsuccessfully attacked the OLD VICKERS position, and then moved into a position at 698967, 200 yards south of the OLD VICKERS position. At 0615N/4 a counter attack by "A" Coy was unsuccessful.

Enemy were also dug in at 696969 200 yards west of the OLD VICKERS position.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA WASTE to 0800N/4

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 478

Reference Map : KORIATUN 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area NITNE BAY
NITNE BAY FORTRESS COMMAND to 0800H/5

No change.

2. Area GOKA - MOCORE
11 AUST DIV to 0800H/5

No change.

3. Area SALAMANA
3 AUST DIV to 1400H/5

COASTAL Area

162 US Inf Regt

On 4 Aug a patrol from "I" Coy raided an enemy position on the HUK HUK track at 740954, 1 mile NW of BUIAMBUH. Seven Japanese were killed, two MG's destroyed and a MG was captured.

"F" Coy was at 739941, 1 mile SW of BUIAMBUH.

BORDUBI Area

On 4 Aug the enemy made further determined efforts to regain the OLD VICKERS position. All of the attacks were repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy and he was driven from his position on the knoll at 696969, 200 yards West of OLD VICKERS. Our troops now occupy the position and are mopping up.

Patrols of the 8/7 Aust Inf Bn have moved into the COCONUTS area.

At 1630H/4 "B" Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn attacked and drove the enemy from their positions at 698964 on the track 500 yards South of OLD VICKERS. Twenty enemy were killed.

KORIATUN Area

2/8 Aust Inf Bn

On the morning of 5 Aug our troops commenced an attack in the GOODVIEW JUNCTION area. The enemy were in position on the Southern slopes of a knoll at 699966, about 100 yards SW of GOODVIEW JUNCTION. 12 Platoon had reached a position 100 yards North of the enemy position while Headquarters of "B" Coy were 100 yards South of the enemy position. 9 and 11 Platoons unsuccessfully tried to link with 12 Platoon. At 1800H/4 the enemy counter attacked 12 Platoon which withdrew to join 9 and 11

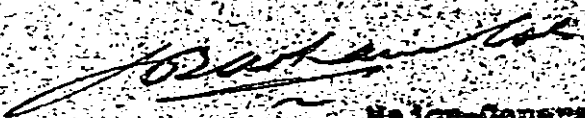
Platoon at 698909, 1 mile West of GOODVINE JUNCTION.

Arty HQ, 3 ARST DIV

On 4 Aug, a composite headquarters consisting of US and Aust personnel moved from GUADAGUAI to 698898, 1 mile South of GOODVINE JUNCTION.

4. Area HEMA HEMA
HEMA FORCE to 0000K/5

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ALLIED LAND FORCES IN SW PACIFIC AREA.

Adv LHQ

6 Aug 43

LHQ STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION NO. 8

Key Personnel in Forward Areas.

1. The following policy regarding key personnel in forward areas will be strictly adhered to at all times.
2. In order to prevent leakages of information regarding future operations through prisoners of war and as a security measure, the greatest care will be taken to ensure that personnel having knowledge of essential details of future operations are not unnecessarily exposed to risk of capture by the enemy.
3. Such key personnel will NOT participate in preliminary landing operations, reconnaissance, or flights over battle areas except in cases of absolute operational necessity.
4. Acknowledge.

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General Headquarters
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 470

Reference Map: KOBIATUN 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 Aust Div to 1400K/8

On 5/8 Aug infantry patrolling with increased artillery activity continued in all areas.

KOBIATUN Area

2/5 Aust Inf Bn

During the attack by our troops in the GOCEVIEW JUNCTION area on 4 Aug enemy casualties were estimated at twenty eight.

BORDUBI Area

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol found evidence of many Japanese casualties on the track 400 yards East of the OLD VICKERS position.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0900K/8

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8 Aug 43

General Headquarters
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 480

Reference Maps : KOMIATON - 1/25000
GUADALCANAL (Provisional) - 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 AUSZ DIV to 1400 E/7

At 2400 E/6 Adv HQ 3 Aust Div opened at HOUSE WANGO - 666507.

COASTAL Area

The enemy were observed constructing defences at 744056, 1 mile NW of SUIMBUN. They were engaged by our artillery.

PONDURE Area

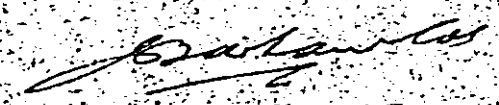
The enemy are still in position on the Spur at 693965, 500 yards South of the OLD VICKERS position.

Such equipment was found in the captured enemy position at 693969, 300 yards West of the OLD VICKERS position. It was estimated that the position would hold 200 men.

The total of sixty-two Japanese have been killed in the area of the OLD VICKERS position since 1 Aug.

2. Area SEMA SEMA
SEMA FORCE to 0300 E/7

No change.


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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 481

Reference Map: HURG 1/25000
KOMIATUM 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
S AUG DIST to 0800 R/S

COASTAL Area

On 7 Aug "B" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn arrived at MASSAU BAY.
On the night 6/7 Aug a portion of the footbridge over
the mouth of the FRANCISCO River was destroyed by
artillery fire. On 7 Aug our artillery caused a number
of fires in the vicinity of the airfields.

KOMIATUM Area

On 5 Aug a patrol from 1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt contacted
"L" Coy 5 Bn 162 US Inf Regt at 725928, 1/2 mile NE of
MT TAKU. On 6 Aug the patrol moved to 719935, 1 1/2
miles North of MT TAKU without sighting any enemy.

At 0605 R/7 the enemy attacked 10 platoon 2/5 Aust
Inf Bn at 597905, 400 yards SE of GOETVITZ Junction.
The platoon was forced to withdraw but at 1130 R/7
counter attacked and reoccupied the position.

HURG Area

"C" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn was at OBSERVATION HILL.

POSDUST Area

59/59 Aust Inf Bn

At 1500 R/7 Adv Bn was at 696945, 600 yards South of
CHALIBALON. On the afternoon of 7 Aug "B" Coy unsuccess-
fully attacked an enemy position at 597900, 500 yards
SSW of the OLD VICKERS position.

"A" Platoon 2/5 Aust Indep Coy was at 704956, 1/2 mile
SSE of the OLD VICKERS position.

2. Area ESNA BEHA
BEHA FORCE to 0800 F/S

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Reference Map :- KONTATUM 1/28000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA

5 AUGUST 1943 1400H/9

On 7 Aug a patrol from "I" Coy 162 US Inf Regt found enemy positions being constructed from 732000 to 734200, about 1 mile NW of BUTAMUN.

During 8 Aug our troops continued patrolling in coastal and BONDUA areas.

On the nights 7/8 and 8/9 Aug our artillery was active against SALAMUA, ROOSEVELT RIDGE, KONTATUM, MOUNT TAPBU, and GOODVINE JUNGLE N.

2. Area BENA BUNA

BENA FORCE 10 0800H/9

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 483

Reference Maps:-
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NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 Aust Div to 0500 K/10

COASTAL Area

29 Aust Inf Bde

Dispositions as at 0300 K/10 were as follows:-

E40 HQ	- NASSEU BAY
47 Aust Inf Bn	- NASSEU BAY
42 Aust Inf Bn	- TAMBU BAY
HQ at 745034	- TAMBU BAY
"B" and "C" Coys and	} - TAMBU BAY
"D" Coy less one platoon	
at 739225	} - TAMBU BAY
"A" Coy plus one platoon	
"E" Coy were moving to	} - TAMBU BAY
739225	
15 Aust Inf Bn	
"E" Coy was disposed along the track 1 1/2 miles west of 7151, 727924 to 725925.	

162 US Inf Regt

2 Bn and 3 Bn were regrouping in the TAMBU BAY area with "I" Coy at 736947, 2,500 yards NE of 50131.

BOLEBUI Area

On 9 Aug HQ and two sections of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy were occupying positions 693954 - 692367, 500 yards south of OLD VICKERS position.

ZENAG Area

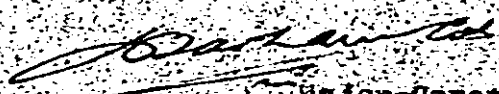
Adv HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn ordered near PATER 2 (272212) on 7 Aug.

2. Area BENA BENA

BENA FORCE to 0300 K/10

At 0300 K/3 Aug an enemy patrol estimated at twenty strong overran our observation post at ATAMBLE in the RANU Valley. Our troops moved to a position BN 5917, 12 miles south of ATAMBLE. Investigating patrols have moved out from BENA BENA.

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Another patrol reports fifty enemy at SARAWASA and
one hundred at LAKISSUA, 4 miles East of SARAWASA.


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General Headquarters

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 454

Reference Report :- SECRET 1/25000
1/25000

NAV AREA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 Aug 45 to 10 Aug 45

General Area

On 10 Aug 45, 0000 hours was at 700000, 1 mile S of
of BUI.

Reference Operations Report 454, "B" Day 15 Aug
Inf in should read "B" Day 15 Aug Inf in.

General Area

Increased patrolling by our troops continues.
The enemy are still in occupation of pillboxes
at 700000, approximately 400 yards S of 700000
position. Considerable enemy activity was
reported in the Southwest corner of the area
701000, approximately 300 yards S of 700000
position.

General Area

Japanese positions were located at 700000, 1 mile
S of the old VI position, and at 700000,
1 mile S of the old VII position.
On the afternoon of 10 Aug our artillery
effectively engaged pillboxes in the corner area.

2. Area BUI
3 Aug 45 to 10 Aug 45

No change.

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13 Aug 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 485.

Reference Maps: KOMIATUM 1/25000
MUBO 1/25000
RAMU 4 miles to 1 inch.

NEW GUINEA.

1. Area SALAMUA
3 AUG DIV to 0800X/12

COASTAL Area

At 1940K/11 Headquarters of 29 Aust Inf Bde opened at DUALI. Headquarters of 42 Aust Inf Bn was at 724926, on the track 1 mile East of KOMIATUM.

During 11 Aug our artillery continued harassing fire vicinity MOUNT TAMBU, ORODUBI and SALAMUA. One 25 pounder gun was put out of action as result of enemy counter battery fire.

KOMIATUM Area

"C" Coy 152 US Inf Regt has established a standing patrol at 719908, 800 yards SE of MOUNT TAMBU. At 1100K/10 AUG Headquarters 2/6 Aust Inf Bn opened at 690908, on STEPHENS Track, 1100 yards West of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

BOEDUBI Area

At 1020K/11 "D" Coy 58/59 Aust Inf Bn attacked enemy positions SE of OLD VICKERS position. The enemy counter attacked and "D" Coy took up a position at 701953, 1200 yards South of OLD VICKERS position.

On 9 Aug 2/7 Aust Inf Bn established standing patrols at 704984, 600 yards North of OLD BOEDUBI and 702994, in BURIS Creek one mile North of OLD BOEDUBI. On the morning of 10 Aug the latter patrol established an ambush at 701925, 150 yards SE of their standing patrol, from which it attacked a party of Japanese, killing three.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0300K/12

Reference Daily Operations Report 485, no further report has been received from the observation post party which moved to 715017, twelve miles South of ATREBLE.

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Adv LHQ

13 Aug 43

Amendment No 1 to

LHQ STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION NO 1
Dated 19 Jan 43

1. The classification of LHQ Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No 1 dated 19 Jan 43 is changed from MOST SECRET to SECRET.

2. The following will be added:-

"7. Expression of time in relation to the commencement of operations.

(a) Time of day which, for operational or security reasons, cannot be specified will be expressed in relation to "H" hour which will be subsequently ordered. The expression "H" hour is synonymous with "Zero hour", the use of which will be discontinued.

(b) Time prior or subsequent to "H" hour will be expressed as a difference in hours and/or minutes. Appropriate abbreviations will be used.

Examples

H +	15 mins
H +	2 hrs
H +	2 hrs 10 mins
H -	25 mins
H -	3 hrs
H -	3 hrs 15 mins

The words "plus" or "minus" may be written in full.

(c) This method of expression of time in relation to commencement of operations will be adopted for all operations. It will be effective from 20 Aug 43 except within NG Force where the date to be effective will be decided by HQ NG Force.

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14 Aug 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 493.

Reference Maps:- KOMIATUM 1/25000
RAHU Track Map 1 inch to 2 miles.

NEW GUINEA.

1. Area SALAMUA
3 AUST DIV to 1400K/13

On the nights 11/12 and 12/13 Aug our artillery continued harassing fire on SALAMUA, KOMIATUM and GOODYVIEW JUNCTION and MOUNT TAMBU areas.

On 12 Aug our troops continued patrolling in all areas.

COASTAL Area

On 12 Aug a patrol from 2 Bn 162 US Inf Regt occupied a position at 739946, 1500 yards West of BULAMBUH, and on 13 Aug this position was taken over by "F" Coy.

An enemy position was sited at 735954, 1 1/2 miles N of BULAMBUH.

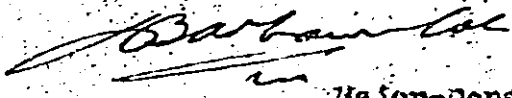
KOMIATUM Area

1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt

At 1200K/12 a patrol from "C" Coy located an enemy patrol moving SE along the re-entrant of 732910, one mile East of MOUNT TAMBU. Later an ambush party from "B" Coy killed two and wounded one enemy at 727912, 1/2 mile East of MOUNT TAMBU.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/13

At 0230K/12 an enemy party estimated to be one platoon in strength attacked WESA, about 22 miles North of BENA BENA. Five further attacks were made from 1100K/12 onwards and all were repulsed with many enemy casualties. Our casualties were one killed and one wounded.


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15 Aug 43

General Headquarters
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OBSERVATION REPORT, 107

Reference Map: KOMIATUK - 1/55,000
MAGD - 1 inch to 1 mile
MADRID - 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SAIAZANA
3 AUGUST to 0600 K/14

COASTAL Area

2nd 162 US Inf Bn

On the night 12/13 Aug the enemy attack from the West on "P" Coy's position at 739946, 1500 yards West of SAIAZANA was repulsed. On 13 Aug "B" and "P" Coys made a successful attack on the Western end of BOGSVELT RIDGE and by 1230 K/13 had occupied the high knoll at 744944. This knoll and "P" Coy's position at 739946 command enemy pill boxes and dugouts along the crest of BOGSVELT RIDGE. Our combat engineers demolished seven of these pill boxes. The enemy still occupy the NW portion of the RIDGE on "P" Coy's front to 739946.

Excluding the occupants of the demolished pillboxes enemy casualties were thirty eight. Our casualties were five killed and twenty wounded.

KOMIATUK Area

On 13 Aug a patrol from "B" Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn contacted the enemy at 723920, 1 mile NW of MOUNT TANGU. "B" Coy 15 Aust Inf Bn was at 715930 in the vicinity of the sugar patch 1,000 yards NW of KOMIATUK.

BOUGA RIVER Area

At 1740 K/12 our fighting patrol from 153A on reaching the coast was engaged by the enemy.

MARHAM Area

A patrol from "P" Coy 713 moving West along the MARHAM River in canoe was fired upon when in the vicinity of BAKESOR, 14 miles NW of LAI.

2. Area SENA RIVER
SENA FORCE to 0600 K/14

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Brig W. ANDERSON	- marched in from EQ Second Aust Army on 3 Aug.
Capt A S DUNSTAN	- marched in from RMC & Staff School Aust on 15 Aug 43.

DEPARTURES FROM ADV LHQ 1 to 15 AUG 43

Col L de L BARHAM	- marched out to HQ NG force on 15 Aug.
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Maj M AUSTIN	- " " " " " " 7 Aug.
Maj B W B CARROLL	- " " " " " " "
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General Headquarters
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONAL REPORT 455

Reference Maps: KORIATON 1/25000
WABZAB 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAZARA
3 AMST DIV to 0100K/15

COASTAL Area

On the night 12/13 Aug and the morning 14 Aug enemy artillery shelled the WABZAB area. At 1200K/14 one of our 25 pounder guns was damaged but there were no casualties.

162 US Inf Bn

On 14 Aug our troops continued the attack on ROOSEVELT RIDGE and now occupy positions from a point 738946, 1500 yards east of BOLSON to the coast. Known JAPANESE dead as a result of air and ground attacks on ROOSEVELT RIDGE exceed two hundred.

22 Aust Inf Bde

At 1000K/14 HQ 22 Aust Inf Bn was at 738910, 1 mile SW of BOLSON with "A" Coy at 734917, 2 miles East of MOUNT TACHU.

One platoon from "A" Coy 22 Aust Inf Bn was on the knoll 720942, 1 1/2 miles NE of KORIATON and "C" Coy 22 Aust Inf Bn was at 718929, 1 mile SSE of KORIATON.

On 14 Aug portion of "C" Coy 18 Aust Inf Bn was at track junction 727936, 1 1/2 miles SW of KORIATON.

BOLSON Area

Following a successful air attack "B" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn by 1450K/14 had occupied North and center COCONUTS. The JAPANESE still hold pillbox positions in South COCONUTS.

"A" Platoon of 2/3 Aust Indep Coy in an ambush position at 704970, 500 yards East of OLD VICTIMS killed five of the enemy.

WABZAB Area

At 1300K/14 the Papuan Infantry Battalion observation post at 417917, on MOUNT WABZAB observed nine JAPANESE at 445547, about two miles East of WABZAB.

2. Area BENA BENA
22nd FORCE to 0300K/15

No further report.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 489

Reference Map: KORIATUM 1/25000
NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMAGA
3 Aust Div to 13405/16

KORIATUM Area

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

At 0725X/16 "A" and "D" Coys occupied a position astride the South end of KORIATUM RIDGE in the general area 707026 to 707922. "C" Coy less one platoon was in position astride the MULE TRACK, 200 yards West of "A" and "D" Coys positions.

42 Aust Inf Bn was on the RIDGE parallel to and East of KORIATUM RIDGE.

It is estimated that seven hundred enemy are now contained in the MOUNT TAMBU - GOODVIEW JUNCTION area.

2. Area BEHA BEHA
BRJA FORCE to 0800X/16

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 490.

Reference Maps: KUMIATON 1/25000
MUBO 1/25000

NEW GUINEA.

1. Area SALAMATA
8 Aust Div to 1400K/17

COASTAL Area

2 Bn 152 US Inf Regt

Patrols which have been operating NW of DOT INLET reported no enemy in the re-entrants 749954 and 754958. At 1700K/16 the enemy unsuccessfully attacked "I" Coy at the NE end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. Twentyone Japanese were killed. Further enemy attacks in this area were repulsed.

Artillery.

At 0400K/16 a party of Japanese estimated to be thirty strong attacked 11 Aust Battery gun position at 788900 (1 1/2 miles NW of SALUS) with explosives. Although charges were placed under the guns the enemy were driven off before the charges exploded. The guns were not damaged. Two Japanese officers were killed. Our casualties were three killed and seven wounded.

At 1000K/16 a Japanese patrol attacked 213 US Field Artillery Battalion position at 795895, 1 1/2 miles NW of SALUS but was driven off. No suffered no casualties.

KUMIATON Area

On the afternoon of 16 Aug the enemy twice counter attacked "A" and "D" Coys 2/5 Aust Inf Bn South of KUMIATON. The attacks were repulsed. At 0400K/17 another enemy attack was broken up.

ROSDUBI Area.

At 1010K/16 a patrol from "E" Coy 53/56 Aust Inf Bn occupied without opposition enemy positions approximately 702951, near WEST VICKERS position. A patrol from 2/5 Aust Indep Coy moving North of 704958, near the GOVERNMENT BRANCH CUT track 1/2 mile NE of SHAINBOLCH, over-ran an enemy post and killed five Japanese. Further North the patrol came under enemy fire from 708987, 1000 yards ENE of OLD VICKERS position, and returned to 704958.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/17

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General Headquarters
SOUTH EAST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 1491

Reference Map: KOMIATUM 1/25000.

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
RESCUE DIV to 0300Z/18

COASTAL Area

On the 16 Aug one of our patrols found unoccupied enemy positions and a well used Japanese track on the high feature 720548, 3 miles West of BUTANEUN.

KOMIATUM Area

1/8 Aust Inf Bn supported by artillery and by fire from medium machine guns of 42 Aust Inf Bn continued patrolling North along KOMIATUM ridge.

On the afternoon 17 Aug a portion of 2/5 Aust Inf Bn occupied MOCOS KNOLL 699506, and pillboxes 308407, 100 yards West of COOBYET JUNCTION. At 1500Z/17 1st Platoon occupied a position at the junction of STEPHENS and KULE tracks 700515.

BOBUBI Area

During the morning 17 Aug the enemy abandoned their positions SOUTH COCONUTS and these are now occupied by PA Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn.

15 Aust Inf Bde now control BOBUBI RIDGE from OLD BOBUBI to WAILING including all high tactical ground COCONUTS and OLD VICARS positions.

On 17 Aug 1/5 Aust Indep Coy assisted by "B" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn attacked Japanese positions in the area 654000S CREEK - SALAMUA BOBUBI TRACK.

During 17 Aug patrolling was continued by troops from 58/52 Aust Inf Bn in the OROBUI - RASKINE Creek area.

On the afternoon 17 Aug the enemy unsuccessfully attacked "B" Coy 58/52 Aust Inf Bn at 704558, 1/2 mile NE of GWAIBOLON.

Area BINA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800Z/18

No further reports.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 402

Reference Maps: KOKIATUE 1/25000
LUBO 1/25000
RAUC TRACK 1 inch to 2 miles
PAPEN BAY WEST 1 inch to 1 mile

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMBA
3 Aust Div to GUCK/19

COASTAL Area

162 US Inf Regt

On the morning of 18 Aug "I" and "K" Coys attacked enemy positions on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. Heavy enemy, and medium machine gun and mortar fire prevented any gain.

On 18 Aug a patrol destroyed a dump containing 87 rounds of JAPANESE mortar ammunition at 749855, 1100 yards NW of BIXANSE. A composite party from HQ Coy relieved "G" Coy on the Eastern end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE and "G" Coy moved to 745935, 1 mile North of BOKSI.

22 Aust Inf Bde

HQ "D" Coy 47 Aust Inf Bn opened at 793802, 1 mile NW of SALUB.

Papuan Infantry Battalion

A patrol from the Papuan Infantry Battalion report enemy at 770805, 2 1/2 miles SE of SALUB.

RAA 3 Aust Div

Two guns at 722950, 2 miles NW of SALUB, are temporarily out of action due to 75 mm shelling.

NASSAU BAY Defence

HQ NASSAU BAY Defence was established at 833700, 3 miles South of DEALI.

KOKIATUE Area

On 17 Aug troops from 2/5 Aust Inf Bn continued their attacks NW of GOODVINE JUNCTION but progress was slow.

A further attack by this Bn on 18 Aug was not successful.

"D" Coy 2/5 Aust Inf Bn was in close contact with the enemy astride the main KOKIATUE Track at 701910, 200 yards North of GOODVINE JUNCTION.

On 18 Aug Adv HQ 2/5 Aust Inf Bn was established on HODGES KNOLL, 1 mile SW of GOODVIEW JUNCTION.

On the evening of 17 Aug the enemy made five attacks against our positions on the South end of KCHIATUH Ridge. All attacks were repulsed. On 19 Aug a patrol from 42 Aust Inf Bn contacted 2/6 Aust Inf Bn in the KCHIATUH Area.

BOEDUBI Area

During the action on 17 Aug "D" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn became isolated. On 18 Aug a patrol contacted some troops, but seventeen were still missing.

On the night 17/18 Aug and again at 1145H/18 Aug the enemy unsuccessfully counter attacked our positions in the OSBORNE CREEK Area.

A patrol from 2/3 Aust Indep Coy engaged seventy enemy at 706967, the track junction 1 mile South of OLD BOEDUBI and our patrol withdrew Southwards.

2. Area BENA BENA

BENA FORCE to 0800H/19

One of our patrols reports that seventy enemy occupy ARONA.

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21 Aug 45

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 493

Reference Maps: SALAMUA 1/25000
KOMIATUM 1/25000
NUED 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 AUGUST 1945 to 0800 7/20

COASTAL Area

A patrol from the Papuan Infantry Battalion at 773898, 2 1/2 miles NW of SALUS report a well used Japanese track to the beach North of the 1500 ft feature 2 1/2 miles NW of SALUS.

A patrol from the 162 US Inf Regt located and destroyed a large ammunition dump on the LOKANU PENINSULA.

A Japanese cemetery at SULAMU containing at least 100 graves was found.

A patrol 162 US Inf Regt located an enemy position of unknown strength at 735255, 1 1/2 miles NW SULAMU.

KOMIATUM Area

"C" Coy 162 US Inf Regt now occupy MOUNT TAMEU. Enemy resistance is broken and only a few stragglers remain.

"B" Coy 42 Aust Inf Bn which had occupied a position at 722922, 1,000 yards NE MOUNT TAMEU contacted 1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt, also ambushed 12 Japanese at 718927, 1,250 yards East of KOMIATUM.

It is estimated that 250 Japanese were buried in the MOUNT TAMEU area as a result of the artillery and mortar fire.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

On the morning 19 Aug "B" Coy found the enemy positions at 701911, 1/2 mile NNE of GOODVIEW JUNCTION unoccupied. The Coy advanced 1,000 yards to the track junction at 707919, 800 yards South of KOMIATUM, where much equipment was found.

"A" Coy passed through "B" Coy and contacted "D" Coy 2/6 Aust Inf Bn at 707926, 200 yards South of KOMIATUM, and captured two heavy M3s and one mountain gun.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

On the night 17/18 Aug a patrol discovered a well used six foot track East of KOMIATUM and engaged a party of approximately fifty Japanese inflicting casualties. Kopping up proceeds East of KOMIATUM RIDGE. "A" Coy advanced without opposition to 707939, 1,500 yards North of KOMIATUM and was patrolling forward to 706946,

1 1/2 miles North of KOMIATUM. "C" Coy passed through "A" Coy and were held up at 706947. The Coy was given artillery support but was forced to withdraw and dig in at 706943.

BOBUDUI Area

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

After 30 minutes mortar and LMG fire "C" Coy attacked ORODUBI and by 1430 K/19 had occupied the village and were later joined by a detachment of 24 Aust Inf Bn. On the morning 19 Aug, "D" Coy established ambush positions on the main KOMIATUM track at 706957, 1,400 yards NE of CHAIBOLON.

"C" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn occupied a knoll at 694937, 300 yards SW of NAMLING without opposition, and at 1550 K/19 came under command of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn.

At 1730 K/19 a patrol from "A" Coy reported 697943, 600 yards North of ORODUBI clear of the enemy. At 1400 K/19 "B" Coy occupied 702946, 1,000 yards NE of ORODUBI.

2/7 Aust Inf Bn

"D" Coy was in contact with the enemy on the afternoon of 18 Aug, but report no contact at 0900 K/19.

All members of the party of "D" Coy isolated during the action on 17 Aug have now been accounted for except three.

ASINI CREEK Area

24 Aust Inf Bn

A patrol from "D" Coy contacted an enemy ambush at 882055, 2,000 yards SW of ASINI.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0830 K/20

No change.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 494

Reference Maps: SALAMUA 1/25000
KONIATON 1/25000
WUSO 1/25000
WAGO 1 mile to 1 inch
UPPER MARKHAM TRACK MAP 3 miles to 1 inch

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 Aust Div to 2130 K/20

COASTAL Area

An anti-aircraft gun at SALAMUA was neutralized by artillery fire while our aircraft attacked the area.

Hq 162 US Inf Regt is located at 744937 700 yards NW of BOISI.

"I" Coy and later "L" Coy 162 US Inf Regt attacked enemy positions at 737945, on the Western end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. No progress was made.

KONIA Area
2/5 Aust Inf Bn

Headquarters was at 705925, 300 yards West of KONIATON.

"C" Coy occupied enemy positions at 707944, 1300 yards NW of KONIATON.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

58/59 Aust Inf Bn contacted 2/5 Aust Inf Bn and consolidated on HICKIE GREEN at 703950, 800 yards East of WAIBOLON.

Strong enemy positions remain in the area of the track junction 1 1/2 miles North of KONIATON.

"B" Coy with "C" Coy 2/7 Aust Inf Bn cleared BENCH CUT TRACK from HICKIE GREEN to HERMAN'S JUNCTION 705958, 1200 yards NE WAIBOLON.

"D" Coy was also at 704956. Troops from 58/59 Aust Inf Bn are now established at MACKAY JUNCTION 705956, 1 mile South of OLD BOODUBI.

BOODUBI Area

The eastern slopes of BOODUBI RIDGE are now clear of the enemy.

The area 701954 - 702951 1 mile NE WAIBOLON was occupied by A & B Platoons 2/5 Aust Inf Bn who were later relieved by troops of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn. B Platoon then moved to 703959, 1 mile South of OLD BOODUBI.

After heavy fighting 2/7 Aust Inf Bn captured twenty five
weapon pits in area 704968, 1100 yards South of OLD
BOHUBI. Enemy troops are still in strength in this area
with positions in depth parallel to BOHUBI-SALAMAU Track.

BUANG Area

24 Aust Inf Bn patrols heard enemy vicinity 6136, area
SUGAR LOAF HILL 3 miles NNE mouth BUANG RIVER but no enemy
were contacted.

MARKHAM Area

A motor launch was active crossing the MARKHAM RIVER in
the vicinity of NEW LABU ISLANDS, MARKHAM POINT.

TSILI TSILI Area

57/60 Aust Inf Bn captured a Japanese pilot at PESSEY, 12
miles North TSILI TSILI.

2. Area BENA BENA
SENA FORCE to 2000 K/19

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 495

Reference Map: KORIATUM 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
3 AUSTR DIV to 2345K/21

COASTAL Area

162 US Inf Bgt

1 Bn 162 US Inf Bgt has now concentrated in the area 730945, 1 1/2 miles NE BOISI.

2 Bn 162 US Inf Bgt destroyed a small JAPANESE dump at 747949, 800 yards NE BUIABUN.

42 Aust Inf Bn

42 Aust Inf Bn is now concentrated in the area NE of KORIATUM on the high ground enclosed by 720955, No 1 Camp, 725934 400 yards East of WIRELESS CAMP and knoll 713951, 1 mile East of CHAIBOLON.

"C" Coy less one pl advanced to 724951, 800 yards NE of No 1 Camp.

RAA 3 Aust Div

The guns of RAA 3 Aust Div have now concentrated at TAYBU BAY and during the night 20/21 Aug fired 800 rounds of harassing fire into SALAMUA.

KORIATUM Area

The battle for KORIATUM RIDGE has now been decisively won and the enemy driven from his carefully prepared jungle strongholds guarding his main supply line. He has now been forced back to his inner defence line. His losses have been heavy in men and equipment. His troops in their favourite jungle country have been out fought at every turn.

We now hold the KNOLL at 730945, 1 1/2 miles West BUIABUN, the RIDGE from 725953 to 725954, 1 mile SSW of NUK NUK, the KNOLL at 712952 1 1/2 miles SW of NUK NUK and have a firm footing on the RIDGE overlooking SALAMUA AIRFIELD our forward troops being established at 715934, 1 1/2 miles SW SALAMUA AIRFIELD.

2/6 Aust Inf Bn

2/5 Aust Inf Bn relieved the 2/6 Aust Inf Bn. 2/5 Aust Inf Bn now concentrated at 693909, 600 yards West of GOODVIEW JUNCTION. Mopping up in the KORIATUM area continued.

At 0530 K/21 Aug patrols of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn occupied 704988, 500 yards EAST of OLD VICKERS POSITION.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/22

On 21 Aug a reconnaissance patrol left WESA for BOHCAI AREA.

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 438

Reference Map: KOMIATUM 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA

1st Aust Div to 1400K/23

6th Bn 1st Aust Div moved to 735913, 1 mile SW of BOISI.

CHASTEL Area

162 US Inf Bn

A fired JAPANESE position was located at 760963, 700 yards North of LOANU 1.

A well used JAPANESE track and JAPANESE signal wire were located at 748264, 1 mile SE of KUK BUK, leading South.

53 Aust Inf Bde

Brigade Headquarters and 47 Aust Inf Bn were moving into the MOUNT TAMBU area.

On 22 Aug Bn HQ and 15th and 10th Coys 15 Aust Inf Bn were in the vicinity of 752917, 1 mile East of MOUNT TAMBU. 80 Coy and 15 Coy were at KASSAU BAY.

A patrol from 42 Aust Inf Bn encountered enemy LMG fire at 728962, 1 mile South of KENNEDY'S CROSSING.

Eleven pillboxes in a perimeter defensive position at 715958, 2000 yards South of KENNEDY'S CROSSING had been recently vacated.

KOMIATUM Area

The 2/5 Aust Inf Bn was engaged in mopping up operation in the KOMIATUM Area.

SOBUBI Area

15 Aust Inf Bde

Battle headquarters of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn was established at 708964, 1200 yards SE of OLD VICKERS POSITION.

Part of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn, part of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and the 2/3 Aust Indep Coy were heavily engaged with enemy in strong positions at the junction of KOMIATUM - SALAMUA tracks and KUGAI spur at 710264, 1500 yards SE of OLD VICKERS POSITION.

The remainder of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn and 2/7 Aust Inf Bn were engaged in establishing firm bases on the high ground 719286, one mile NE of SOBUBI, and at 708994 one mile North of SOBUBI. Outposts occupied positions at 729990, 1 mile East of Southern end of SALAMUA

AIRFIELD and at 909000, approximately 2 miles to
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BERA FORCE to 02005/23

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25 Aug 43

General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 497

Reference Maps: SALAMAUA - 1/25000
KORLATUM - 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMAUA
3 Aust Div to 0800 E/24

COASTAL Area

A patrol from 162 53 Inf Regt reports six pillboxes across the ridge from 744932, 1500 yards SE of NUK NUK to 746959, 2000 yards SE of NUK NUK.

2/3 Aust Inf Bn arrived at TAMBU BAY on 25 Aug.

BORDUBI Area

47 Aust Inf Bn was concentrated in the area KORLATUM to 705913, 1500 yards South of KORLATUM.

Hq 29 Aust Inf Brigade opened at 703940, 1200 yards East of GEAINGLOH.

At 1310 E/23 the attack on JAPANESE positions at 711905, 1500 yards SE of OLD VICKERS POSITION commenced. Portions of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn made the attack from three sides and obtained a footing in the enemy positions but were later forced to withdraw. The attack was proceeding on 24 Aug.

Portion of 2/3 Aust Indus Coy moved to and held the track at 704958, 1100 yards South of BORDUBI, and at 1000 E/23 pushed back a party of thirty JAPANESE moving from the NE along the SALAMAU track.

Hq 15 Aust Inf Bde was opened at 699932, 800 yards South of the OLD VICKERS POSITION.

SALAMAU Area

On the morning of 23 Aug the 2/7 Aust Inf Bn gained its objective at 725904, on the high ground 2300 yards West of SALAMAU FOOT BRIDGE and consolidated. Patrols were then sent out to operate to the NE and West. The JAPANESE fled down the track to the East abandoning all of their equipment. A party moving North to 722007, 1 1/2 miles NE of the FOOT BRIDGE repulsed attacks by the JAPANESE and proceeded to clear a pocket to the East of the position. A further party at 705006, 1 1/2 miles North of BORDUBI dispersed a JAPANESE post and captured a medium machine gun. All equipment captured in both of these actions appeared new.

A detachment of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn 707007, 1 1/2 miles North of BORDUBI, report the enemy digging in the vicinity of their positions.

A standing patrol from 24 Aust Inf Bn was established at 680030, 1 1/2 miles SW of MALOLO Mission.

2. Area WESA WESA
WESA FORCE to 0800 R/24

The HORA I reconnaissance patrol which left WESA on 21 Aug was forced to return to the RAMU River.

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General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 493

Reference Maps: HUBO - 1/25000
KOKIATUM - 1/25000
SALAMAU - 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMAU
3 AUSTR DIV to 1400 K/25

There are no JAPANESE except possible stragglers South of a line from a point on the coast 500 yards NW of BULAMBU to the enemy position on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE to the KOKIATUM Track area 710965, 1200 yards ESE of VICKERS position.

162 US Inf Regt

From 1900 K/23 to 0400 K/24 the JAPANESE attacked on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE. All of the attacks were repulsed.

By 25 Aug our forward troops had reached 745057, 1400 yards East of LOKANU I.

During 23 and 24 Aug a JAPANESE gun in the area 752368, 1800 yards ESE of KOKIATUM fired intermittently into the area 745043, 850 yards NW BULAMBU.

RAA 3 AUSTR DIV

On the afternoon 24 Aug 1800 rounds were fired into the enemy position on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

3 AUSTR DIV

At 0800 K/24 Rear HQ 3 Aust Div opened at NASBAU BAY at 826017, 1600 yards ESE of DUALI.

On the morning 24 Aug 2/6 Aust Inf Bn less one Coy left TAREBU BAY for NASBAU BAY.

On 25 Aug 2/6 Aust Inf Bn was moving to TAREBU BAY.

BOEDUBI Area

At 1530 K/24 27 Aust Inf Bde assumed command of 17 Aust Inf Bde operational area.

Elements of 47 Aust Inf Bn were at 703952, 1250 yards ENE of CHAISOLON and at 703937, 1950 yards SE of MALOLOM. The remainder of the Bn was in the bivouac area 707919, 800 yards South of KOKIATUM.

42 Aust Inf Bn was in the area along the track 1500 yards East of KOKIATUM to No 1 camp and with artillery support was attacking the enemy at 724556, on the knoll 300 yards NE of No 1 camp.

HQ 58/59 Aust Inf Bn was at 703963, 1250 yards SE of OLD VICKERS position.

During the night 25/24 Aug portions of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn and 58/59 Aust Inf Bn engaged an enemy position at 710365, 1300 yards ESE of OLD VICKERS position, with harassing fire.

Thirty JAPANESE moving NE from contained enemy positions at 710955, 1/2 mile ESE of OLD VICKERS position, were dispersed by part of 2/5 Aust Indep Coy on the track 714968, 1 mile East of OLD VICKERS position. The enemy attempted to encircle our positions but were driven back.

SALAMUA Area

A party of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn crossed to South of FRANCISCO River at 728984, 1 1/2 miles SW of SALAMUA FOOTBRIDGE. A patrol moved to 728990 and 1000 yards Northwards.

An enemy position to the North of 725995, 2500 yards West of FOOTBRIDGE was engaged with mortar fire. Enemy troops in the vicinity of the detachment of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn at 707007, 1 1/2 miles North of BO DUEI, were forced to withdraw. Further detachments from this battalion at 717007, 1 1/2 miles NE of the FOOTBRIDGE report no contact with the enemy, but found 36 huts completed and under construction in the area.

2.

Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 0800K/25

A ground reconnaissance patrol to USINI (702583), 28 miles WSE of BOUADJIN was attacked by JAPANESE and withdrew.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 498

Reference Maps: 4030 1/25000
KOWIATON 1/25000
SALAMAU 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMAU
5 AUST DIV to 4000E/26

Headquarters 5 Aust Div has opened at 734918, 2000 yard SW BOISI and has taken over command from Headquarters 3 Aust Div.

COASTAL Area

A fighting patrol engaged prepared enemy positions to the North of 1 Bn 162 US Inf Regt and killed 6 JAPANESE.

29 Aust Inf Bde

During 25 Aug 43 Aust Inf Bn made no progress with its attack against the enemy positions at 724956. Patrols are not attempting to locate the flanks of the enemy positions.

BOBUBI Area

A composite force of 58/59, 2/7 Aust Inf Bns and 2/5 Aust Independent Company attacked from the North the enemy positions on KUNAI SPUR at 710966, 1500 yards SSE of OLD VICKERS POSITION. They encountered two parties each of fifty JAPANESE and inflicted heavy casualties.

At 1630X/25 47 Aust Inf Bn took over the responsibility for the KUNAI SPUR area from 58/59 Aust Inf Bn. Our troops are now disposed to the East, South and West of the enemy position at 710964.

Three organised attacks were made on the enemy position at 710967:-

- (i) Portion of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn attacked South across the river but were held at the SALAMAU track by LMG fire from wired pillboxes. The JAPANESE counter attacked Westwards but were repulsed with at least forty-seven killed.
- (ii) 2/6 Aust Inf Coy and part of 58/59 Aust Inf Bn both attacked from the SE but made no progress.

SALAMAU Area

Ambush positions at 704004, 2 1/2 miles NW of FOOTBRIDGE and at 718008, 1 1/2 miles NW of FOOTBRIDGE have been cleared. A party of ten to fifteen JAPANESE which met a patrol from the 58/59 Aust Inf Bn at 720008, 1 1/2 miles NW of FOOTBRIDGE broke and fled.

Part of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn attacked from the South the enemy position at 72/394, 14 miles West of FOOTBRIDGE while a fighting patrol harassed the position from the North.

2. Area BANA-BANA

SENA FORCE to 20003/26

Nil report.

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**General Headquarters
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA**

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 500

Reference Maps: HUGO 1/25000
KOHIAU 1/25000
SALAMANA 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

**1. Area SALAMANA
3 Aust Div to 1400K/27**

COASTAL Area

162 US Inf Regt

2 and 3 Bns were advancing from the South and East towards the enemy positions at 740950, 1300 yards WNW BULAMBUN. At 0645K/26 1 Bn with artillery support attacked the enemy positions on the NW end of ROOSEVELT RIDGE.

No report of progress has yet been received.

A patrol reported that the JAPANESE are digging in at 732952, 1 1/2 miles WNW BULAMBUN.

The JAPANESE gun sited in the vicinity of LOKAHU has been neutralized.

SALAMANA Area

29 Aust Inf Bde

42 Aust Inf Bn was maintaining pressure against the enemy position 727957, 800 yards ENE of No 1 Camp. This attack is being supported by artillery fire on the knoll 724937, 500 yards NE of No 1 Camp.

47 Aust Inf Bn has cleared out the pillboxes on KUNAI SPUR at 710984, 1 mile SE of OLD VICKERS position. A patrol reported a JAPANESE position at 715966, 1 mile SW of OLD BOSDUBI.

15 Aust Inf Bde

Hq 58/39 Aust Inf Bn was located at 714984, 1100 yards NE of OLD BOSDUBI and the Battalion was disposed in the area 705997 - 723988 - 714984.

2/3 Aust Indep Coy was relieved by position of 47 Aust Inf Bn and withdrew Eastward to the area 703970 - 706964 - 704971 - approximately 500 yards East of OLD VICKERS POSITION.

The detachment of 2/7 Aust Inf Bn in the KUNAI SPUR area moved to 720993, 1 1/2 miles WNW of the FOOTBRIDGE and rejoined the Battalion. A patrol contacted 60 JAPANESE at 717998, 500 yards SE SWANS OP, who dug in on contact.

A party of 24 Aust Inf Bn was held up by the enemy & were well entrenched on the RAZOR BACK 685023, WSW of OLD WANASA. A patrol killed 8 JAPANESE a. 681026, 600 yards NE OLD WANASA.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 2000K/ES

The JAPANESE, who were reported by the natives to have occupied SAGERAK on 18 Aug have evacuated the area since our air attacks.

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SOUTHEAST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 501

Reference Maps: KOZIATUM - 1/25000
SALAMUA - 1/25000

WEST GUINEA.

1. Area SALAMUA
5 Aust Div to 0800 Z/28

COASTAL Area

102 US Inf Regt

By 1030 Z/27 the whole regiment had advanced North from ROOSEVELT RIDGE surrounding the enemy on the NW end of the RIDGE. The battalions were disposed as follows:-

2 Bn - 742955 to 742355, along the track $\frac{1}{2}$ mile NW of BULAMBUN.

3 Bn - 742949 to 733945, 1 mile West of BULAMBUN.

1 Bn - 736954 to 731944, in the area of the BUOUT CAMP.

Patrol clashes continued and 24 JAPANESE were killed at 742953, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile WNW of BULAMBUN.

SALAMUA Area

42 Aust Inf Bn

Patrol clashes continued.

47 Aust Inf Bn

On 27 Aug a patrol contacted a small enemy party at 703968, on the track 400 yards North of OSBORNE Creek.

58/59 Aust Inf Bn

On 27 Aug a patrol was ambushed by the enemy at 702992, one mile NE of OLD BOBUBI. Another patrol to ARNOLD'S CREST 710997 was ambushed at 709993, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW of SWAN'S Observation Post.

Strong JAPANESE attacks developed at 703987, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile WSW of SWAN'S Observation Post and 713997, 400 yards WSW of SWAN'S Observation Post.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 502

Reference Maps:	KOHIAU	1/25000
	SALAMAU	1/25000
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1. Area SALAMAU
5 AUST DIV to 1400K/29

COASTAL Area

162 US Inf Regt

2 Bn has advanced to 733956, 500 yards North of SCOUT CAMP. A patrol killed twelve JAPANESE in the area 743949, 1000 yards East of SCOUT CAMP. Our artillery in the TAMBU BAY area carried out counter-battery fire on known JAPANESE gun positions. Enemy positions in the vicinity of 733952, 400 yards East of SCOUT CAMP were engaged with harassing fire.

29 Aust Inf Bde

Patrol activity continues. A standing patrol was established at 716964, 1200 yards NW of No 1 CAMP. During 28 Aug, 47 Aust Inf Bn attacked enemy pillboxes in the vicinity of the junction of the KOHIAU and SALAMAU tracks. Two pillboxes were destroyed thirty one JAPANESE killed and twenty wounded.

15 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol ambushed forty JAPANESE at 717971, 1200 yards SW of KENNEDY'S Crossing and killed fifteen.

As a result of the attacks on 27/28 Aug by what was estimated to be one fresh company of JAPANESE, 58/59 Aust Inf Bn parties withdrew from 703997 to 704999 after killing forty of the enemy. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn detachments also were forced to withdraw from 717997 to 713995 and from 717008 to 703007. Patrol activity continues.

2. TSILI TSILI Area
TSILI TSILI Force to 0800K/28

One Coy 57/60 Aust Inf Bn was moving to the ANAMI area.

Detachments were at 947575, 15 miles NW of WAIHE and at INIDAP, 7 miles SSW of KATAPIT.

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General Headquarters
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 503

Reference Map: RAMU TRACK - 1 inch to 2 miles

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA
5 AUST DIV to 2200X/30

No further reports.

2. Area BEHA BEHA
BEHA FORCE to 2000E/20

A patrol from 2/7 Aust Indep Coy contacted the enemy in the vicinity of ARONA killing seven and wounding one.

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ARRIVALS AT ADV LHQ 15 Aug to 31 Aug

Capt J G SEDGLEY - marched in from HQ 3 Aust Arm'd Div on 18 Aug 43.

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Maj J W LONDON - marched out to HQ NG Force on 19 Aug 43.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices, Diaries, &c.
BRISBANE	30 Sep		Daily Operations Report 533, Advanced HQ, Allied Land Forces	Appx 32
			South West Pacific Area	
BRISBANE	30 Sep		Adv HQ G/468.2/Ops "Army-Air Co-operation Policy Pertaining to	
			Firing on Hostile Aircraft, forwards copy of GHQ letter	
			AG353(20 Sep 43) and requests formations to submit recommendations	
			concerning facilities required to accomplish necessary training. Appx 33	
BRISBANE	30 Sep		Adv LHQ G848.01 Ops "Standard Time Signals", promulgates	Appx 34
			information for guidance in synchronising time between elements	
			of all forces in SWPA.	
BRISBANE	30 Sep		List of Officers as at 30 Sep 43	Appx 35

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1 Sep 43

General Headquarters,

SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA:

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT NO 504

Reference Map : KOMIATUM 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. Area SALAMUA

5 AUSTR DIV to 2000 E/30 Aug

COASTAL Area

162 US Inf Regt

A patrol from 1 Bn located an abandoned JAPANESE perimeter at 738955, 2000 yards NW of BUIAMUN. One 37 mm gun and a quantity of rifles and equipment were captured. Elements of the battalion then advanced on the right flank to a line 747955 - 741959, on the track SE of HUNUK.

3 Bn after overcoming slight resistance advanced 300 yards North from 738945, 1 mile East of BUIAMUN. A JAPANESE position was captured at 757949, but the enemy still hold out 200 yards further North.

29 Aust Inf Bde

42 Aust Inf Bn made an unsuccessful attack on hill 725957, 600 yards NE of NO 1 CAMP. Patrolling continues North and East of the hill.

15 Aust Inf Bde

47 Aust Inf Bn captured a pillbox at 710967, 1300 yards East of OLD VICERS POSITION.

A party advanced to 715962, 1500 yards SW of KENNEDY'S CROSSING where it met with some opposition. The party later moved 300 yards to the NE.

SALAMUA Area

Regrouping of units continues.

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General Headquarters
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 502

Reference Maps:	KOMIATON	1/25000
	SALAMAU	1/25000
	WAGO	1 inch to 1 mile
	LAE	STRATEGIC 4 miles - 1 inch

NEW GUINEA

1 ANZ CORPS to 1000Z/51

1. Area SALAMAU
5 ANZ DIV to 2000Z/51

COASTAL AREA

152 US Inf Bn

The enemy is still holding out at approximately 739953, 800 yards ENE of SCOUT CAMP and on high ground 734958 to 734954, 300 yards NW SCOUT CAMP.

Fighting is progressing in this area.

15 Anst Inf Bn

Elements made contact with the enemy from 748952 to 753954 astride the track 1/2 mile NW of LOKSHU I. Our troops were dug in at 748955, the track junction 1 mile SE of NUX NUX.

42 Anst Inf Bde

The right flank of 42 Anst Inf Bn is at 728956, 1/2 mile East of No 1 CAMP. Enemy positions have been located at 725957, 725958 and 725957, in the area 1/2 mile ENE No 1 CAMP.

A patrol from 47 Anst Inf Bn reported enemy positions from 713957 to 718958, in the area 1 mile East of OLD VICERS POSITION.

SALAMAU AREA

15 Anst Inf Bde

Patrol reports indicate that the enemy has been re-inforced. Enemy defences were being constructed at 712012, and from 708007 to 710009 to 714007, in the area 1/2 mile NW STARS OP. Patrolling continues with our patrols in the ascendancy.

COASTAL AREA

WAMPIT FORCES to 0800Z/51

A patrol at SUGAR LOAF 512258 (WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile) heard considerable barge movement during the night

27/28 Aug.

2. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 2000H/31

A patrol of sixteen JAPANESE was seen near MARAWESA
(LAP STRATEGIC 4 miles to 1 inch).

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7 Sep 43

LHQ STANDARD OPERATIONAL PROCEDURE INSTRUCTION NO 9.

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DESCRIPTION:

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3. Grid. The photograph will be divided into 1" squares by vertical and horizontal lines parallel to the edges of the print. The grid will be designated by lettering consecutively along the bottom edge of the print from left to right, beginning with A at the left corner and omitting the letters I and O, and by numbering consecutively up the left edge from bottom to top beginning with one at the lower left corner.

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6. These instructions apply to air support photographs only, and do not modify Standard Operational Procedure Instruction No 5 of 11 Jun 43, concerning arbitrary grids for provisional maps and photo-maps.

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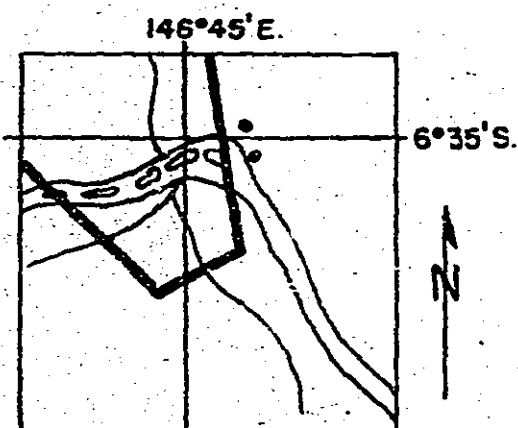
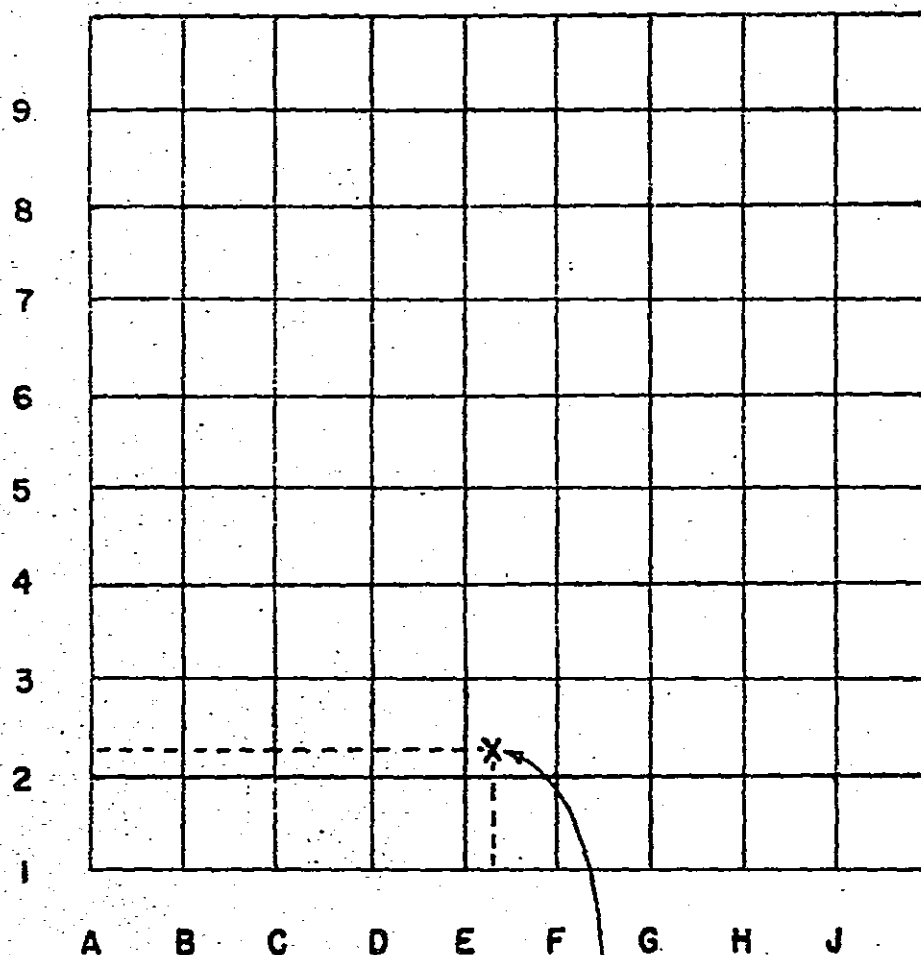
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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 508

Reference Maps: KOBIAFOE 1/25000
SALAMAU 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/2

1. Area SALAMAU
5 AUST DIV to 2000K/1

COASTAL Area

The part of 15 Aust Inf Bn located at 748964, track junction 1 mile SE of NUK NUK, has been reinforced and has repulsed three attacks.

182 US Inf Regt

Contact has been regained with the right flank of 1 Bn at 732953, 800 yards NW of SCOUT CAMP. About 80 casualties had been inflicted from 31 Aug to 1 Sep.

Detachments of 2 and 3 Bns captured the high ground 739953 - 740955, 800 yards NE of SCOUT CAMP, and remain in contact with about 250 of the enemy in the area 757954, 600 yards NE SCOUT CAMP.

SALAMAU Area

47 Aust Inf Bn has captured the KUMAI SPUR 741963, 1 mile SE OLD VICKERS POSITION. Six pillboxes were destroyed by direct hits from our supporting artillery. Enemy casualties were estimated to be sixty-five.

2. Area BERA BERA
BERA FORCE to 1000K/2

No report.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 187

Reference Map: KOHIAJON 1/E5000

NEW GUINEA

1. 1 AUSST CORPS to 1800X/2
Area HAKARANA
2 AUSST INF to 1800X/2

Our patrols are active in all areas.

A patrol from 15 Aust Inf Bn cleared a JAPANESE position on the slope of SCOUT RIDGE at 754383, 900 yards NW of LOHANU I.

Enemy positions were located on the high ground to the West and NW of the track junction at 747563, 1 mile SE of HUK HUK and on the spur 712961, 700 yards NNW of Ho 1 CAMP and at 712986, 1000 yards SW of EVANS observation post.

2. Area HENA HENA
ENNA FORCE to 2000X/2

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 508

Reference Maps: KOMIATUM 1/25000
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile
HOPOI 1/25000
LAE 1/25000
BUGO 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/4

1. Area SALAMUA
5 AUST DIV to 2000K/3

Active patrolling was continuing.

The forward elements of 15 Aust Inf Bn repulsed further enemy attacks at 748964, track junction 1 mile SE of NUK NUK. A platoon from 15 Aust Inf Bn occupied, without opposition, an enemy position 760963, 700 yards North of LOKANU 1.

42 Aust Inf Bn repulsed an enemy attack at 728955, 900 yards NW of SCOUT CAMP. 15 JAPANESE were killed at 725957, 800 yards ENE of NO. 1 CAMP.

47 Aust Inf Bn engaged enemy at 718967, 1 1/2 miles East of OLD VICKERS POSITION. Twenty enemy were killed.

On the night 2/3 Sep SALAMUA, LOKANU, SCOUT RIDGE and NUK NUK were engaged with artillery harassing fire.

WAMPIT FORCE

A patrol from 24 Aust Inf Bn contacted an enemy ambush party of twenty at 632242, 1 mile SE of SUGAR LOAF. Three enemy were killed.

9 AUST DIV to 0725K/4

At 0630K/4 under cover of heavy air and naval bombardment assault elements of 9 Aust Div landed without opposition on two beaches on the North shore of HUON GULF between 980398 and 913395, 15 miles East of LAE.

Observer reports to 1715K/4 indicate that the air and naval cover was continued throughout the day and that the initial landing operation was carried out with little opposition from enemy land forces. Enemy air attacks on the beach head occurred during the day.

2. Area HENA HENA
HENA FORCE to 2000K/3

Patrol reports no enemy at DUEPU or KATGULIN in the
RAMU VALLEY NE of HENA HENA. (MADANG four miles STRAT).

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 509

Reference Maps : BUSO 1/25000
TOMIATUM 1/25000
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile
KIRKLANDS 1/25000
HADZAB 1/25000

NEW GUINEA.

1 AUST CORPS to 1220 K/5

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 1400 K/4

By 1040 K/4 20 Aust Inf Bde had established two beach-heads: the Eastern Beach 978399 to BULO RIVER mouth 967396, and the Western Beach 947396 to BUSO RIVER mouth 915393. The foremost units on the East Beach had penetrated approximately 1200 yards to the line 978399 - BULU - 974410 - Creek Crossing 967406 - BULU RIVER 968393. On the West Beach the foremost troops had penetrated about 2 miles to the line Creek 947395 - Creek Crossing 950416 - Village 946419 - BUSO 3 - BUSO RIVER 920432 - River mouth 915393. Thirty JAPANESE who were encountered at BULU plantation 9540 fled Northwards.

28 Aust Inf Bde with 2/17 Aust Inf Bn under command and less 2/48 Aust Inf Bn commenced to advance towards SINGAU PLANTATION and to MUSOH 8346, 2 miles North BUIEM RIVER mouth.

Observers reports to 1200 K/5 state that 2/17 Aust Inf Bn was in the area 841459, 900 yards ENE of TALI, to 888443, 1500 yards NE of APO. At 1130 K/5 2/24 Aust Inf Bn was at 833460 3 miles NE of APO. There were no enemy in the area. At 0600 K/5 2/48 Aust Inf Bn was reported at 900410, 1 1/2 miles WNW of BUSO 1, and 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was at 903412, 1 1/2 miles NW of BUSO 1.

2. Area SALAMUA

5 AUST DIV to 2000 K/4

Patrols who were maintaining pressure in all areas killed forty-seven JAPANESE.

Our artillery fired concentrations on 739853, high ground 500 yards NE of SCOUT CAMP and 713867, 1600 yards East of OLD VICKERS POSITION. Enemy artillery was active but caused no damage.

WAMPIT FORCE to 1500 K/4

At first light 4 Sep 20 barges were reported moving South from LAE to SALAMUA. An unconfirmed report indicates 16 were sunk.

Enemy opposition was encountered in the MARKEAN point area at 568451. Many booby traps were found in the area 568489.

3. Area KIRKLANDS
7 ABST DIV to 1200K/5

2/2 Aust Par Bn is now established at KIRKLAND'S DUMP.
The North bank of the MARKHAM RIVER is reported clear
of the enemy between KRAP and IRUMU rivers.

Preceded by heavy bombing and strafing 803 AB Parachute
Regt and attacking troops at 1200K/5 made a combat
jump in the HADZAB area. There was no enemy air
opposition and an air observer reports that no enemy
ground activity was seen.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 2000K/5

No further reports.

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General Headquarters
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 510

Reference Maps: HOPOI 1/25000
BISO 1/25000
KOHIAU 1/25000
LAE 1/25000
HEATH'S 1/25000
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NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000 K/S

1. Area LAE
9 AUST DIV to 1730 K/S

At 1600 K/S Adv HQ 9 Aust Div opened at ALUKI I, 892425. At 1100 K/S a ZERO strafed headquarters of 9 Aust Div and made a reconnaissance of the position from 100 feet.

By 1700 K/S the forward troops of 26 Aust Inf Bde had reached a line BUIEM River from the coast to TALI. At 1620 K/S an Observer reported possible enemy concentrations at 676414, 1 mile North LAE Airfield and 686434, 2 1/2 miles NW LAE Airfield. Occasional truck movement from WEHRS to MARKHAM VALLEY Road was also reported.

20 Aust Inf Bde remains covering the beachhead with a detachment in the vicinity of BUIEM River. An enemy air attack on 4 Sep hit two LCI and two LST. Some damage and casualties were reported. Schedules across the beaches are being maintained.

At 0930 K/S 24 Aust Inf Bde departed concentration area at BUNA for beachhead.

2. Area HADZAB
7 AUST DIV to 1420 K/S

At 1000 K/S Headquarters 7 Aust Div opened at TSILI TSILI.

Observers report that by 1050 K/S 503 US Parachute Regt had completed the combat jump. At 1518 K/S a detachment of 2/4 Aust Pd Regt completed the combat jump.

At 1030 K/S our ground troops were crossing the MARKHAM River from the South bank in the vicinity of the junction with the WAMPIT River.

At 1630 K/S 2/2 Aust Par Bn was moving up the track to HADZAB.

By 1840 K/S all of the grass was burnt off the HADZAB STRIP and at 0940 K/S reports indicated the strip was clear and ready to take aircraft. By 1420 K/S engineer stores for airfield construction had arrived.

An observer reported the sounds of rifle fire in

the vicinity of GARMATSUNG Village at 0130 K/G.

3. Area LOWER MARKHAM VALLEY
WARPT FORCE to 1500 K/G

On the afternoon 4 Sep one company 24 Aust Inf Bn engaged the enemy in the MARKHAM POINT area killing twelve. There was a further engagement on 5 Sep but no details are available.

4. Area SAIAHAUA
5 AUST DIV to 1000 K/G

Two enemy attacks on the 15 Aust Inf Bn position at 760983, 700 yards North LOKAHU I were repulsed. 15 Aust Inf Bn unsuccessfully attacked enemy positions at 751984, 1,000 yards NW LOKAHU I.

A platoon from 42 Aust Inf Bn occupied an enemy position at 726985, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW HUKHUK.

5. Area BEHA BEHA
BEHA FORCE to 2000 K/G

No further reports.

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Reference Maps:

HOPOI	1/25000
BUSO	1/25000
KOMIATUM	1/25000
LAE	1/25000
HEATHS	1/25000
HADZAB	1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/7

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 1730K/6

26 Aust Inf Bde

Bde HQ is established at APO 848435. 2/48 Aust Inf Bn is also in this area.

At 0030K/6 a patrol reported a party of one hundred JAPANESE moving East across BUNGA River. The 2/23 Aust Inf Bn attacked the party which withdrew with the battalion in pursuit. The battalion reached 817423, at the Western end of the SINGAVA PLANTATION, after overcoming stubborn resistance and inflicting heavy casualties on a small enemy force in that locality.

2/24 Aust Inf Bn then by-passed 2/23 Aust Inf Bn and advanced to 802422, 1000 yards East of the mouth of the BUNGA River, maintaining contact with the enemy rear guard. The advance from ALUKI 1 was made through thick jungle. SINGAVA PLANTATION was found waterlogged.

24 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade landed at the beachhead on the night 5/6 Sep, and the brigade less 2/32 Aust Inf Bn then moved to the APO area. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn moved to 885430, 600 yards SNE of ALUKI 1.

20 Aust Inf Bde

The role of the brigade is the protection of the right flank and the rear of the division. Brigade HQ is in the vicinity of the beachhead 923393, 500 yards South of BUSO 1.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn was approaching HOPOI MISSION without opposition. 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is in the vicinity of BUSO 839465 and the track to the North. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn was last reported at 943395, 1 1/2 miles East of BUSO 1.

2. Area HADZAB

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/6

At 1300K/6 planes commenced landing on the HADZAB strip.

At 0330K/7 HQ 7 Aust Div moved to NADZAB and an Observer report states that the landing was completed by 1020K/7.

503 US Parachute Regt are now occupying defensive positions covering the NADZAB area. Anti-aircraft defences have been established. There has been no contact with the enemy. A road block was established across the MARKHAM VALLEY road in the vicinity of 444548, 1400 yards East of NADZAB.

3.

Area SALAMAU

5 AUST DIV to 2000K/6

A further enemy attack on the 15 Aust Inf Bn position at 760983, 700 yards North of LOKANU I was repulsed.

4.

Area BEHA BEHA

BEHA FORCE to 1800K/7

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 512.

Reference Maps: BUSO 1/25,000
MUNIM 1/25,000
LAE 1/25,000
HADZAB 1/25,000
MADANG 4 mile Strategical.

NEW GUINEA.

I AUST CORPS to 0800K/3

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 2000K/7

Heavy rain fell on the night 6/7 Sep.

26 Aust Inf Bde

By 2200K/6 leading elements had reached TIKERENG, 768435. The advance was continued NW along the BUREP River from the mouth to 755469 meeting small JAPANESE parties. Bde Headquarters was at 768447, 1 1/2 miles NW of TIKERENG. Observer reports to 1800K/8 give locations: 2/24 Aust Inf Bn 720470, 3 miles North of MALAHANG AIRFIELD, 2/23 Aust Inf Bn 734477, 3 1/2 miles NNE of MALAHANG AIRFIELD and 2/48 Aust Inf Bn 830430, one mile WSW of APO 848434.

24 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade continued its move along the coast and is holding a bridgehead over the BUREP River in the vicinity of 768426. Observer reports to 1800K/8 state battalion locations to be, 2/28 Aust Inf Bn at 768413, 2 miles East of NEW YAKOA and 2/43 Aust Inf Bn in the area 7742, SW of TIKERENG.

20 Aust Inf Bde

The flank protection was extended by the move of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn to 812468, 1200 yards East of MUNIM.

7 AUST DIV to 1535K/8

No contact has been made with the enemy. By 1300K/7 HQ 7 Aust Div was established at 410547, 1 1/2 miles West of HADZAB. A patrol had reached the line HARAKAPOR - OLD MUNIM, 515557.

Observer reports state that HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde and 2/25 Aust Inf Bn have completed their landing.

2. Area SALAMUA

5 AUST DIV to 0800K/7

No change.

3. AREA KENNA KENNA
AREA FORCE to 2000Z/7

A patrol reached the head of the BOUADJIN Road at W(0)7550. Approximately 80 enemy are visible in the vicinity of the roadhead. Work is being carried out by engineers with JAPANESE engineers, and patrol estimates road will reach DUEFU about six weeks. Constant enemy patrols were seen in the foothills near RANG.

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

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ONE DIVISION.

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/9

1. Area LAZ

9 AUST DIV to 2030K/8

20 Aust Inf Bde

Patrolling continued EAST to the vicinity of BURENA 0040, where there was evidence that a small party of JAPANESE had abandoned camp by barge on 4 Sep.

Two 25 pounders were landed at the mouth of the BUREN RIVER during the night 7/8 Sep.

36 Aust Inf Bde

The 2/4 Aust Indep Coy, which was under command of the brigade is moving IN from 740435, where it crossed the BUREN RIVER, four miles from its mouth. The landing elements of the brigade are approaching the BUREN river area 7140, four miles from the mouth.

24 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade Headquarters was last reported on the East bank of the mouth of the BUREN RIVER, 790425. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn has advanced to 761413, 12 miles East of NEW YANUA.

At 1700K/8 the forward troops of the brigade reached the BUSU river, encountering small parties of JAPANESE en route.

7 AUST DIV to 1250K/9

503 US Inf Regt

503 US Inf Regt is patrolling to KARAKAPOR and CAMP DIBBY and has NOT made contact with the enemy.

23 Aust Inf Bde

2/23 Aust Inf Bn has moved East from HADZAB.

Observer reports that the 2/33 Aust Inf Bn has completed the landing at HADABAN.

A patrol from the Papuan Infantry Battalion is in the CHIVRING Area.

2.

Area SALAMUA

5 AMST DIV to 0800K/9

15 Aust Inf Bn drove the enemy from the Eastern edge of LOKAHU SPUR. A standing patrol has been established at 783963, 700 yards NE LOKAHU 1.

47 Aust Inf Bn unsuccessfully attacked the SPUR at approximately 718965, 1400 yards ESE OLD VICKERS POSITION. Fourteen JAPANESE were killed.

There has been further artillery activity.

3.

Area TSILI TSILI

TSILI TSILI FORCE to 2000K/8

A patrol from LTCAP contacted a patrol from HEMA force at ARAN at 195377 on 4 Sep 45. No enemy were seen.

4.

Area HEMA HEMA

HEMA FORCE to 1500K/9

No reports.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 514.

Reference Maps: MUHIM 1/25000
LAE 1/25000
HADZAB 1/25000
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N W GUINEA.

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/10

1. Area LAE

5 AUST DIV to 2000K/9

24 Aust Inf Bde

The leading battalion has crossed the BUSU River near the coast, where it met with some enemy fire.

26 Aust Inf Bde

Forward troops were expected to cross the BUSU River in the area four miles from the coast on the night 9/10 Sep.

The 2/4 Aust Indep Coy advanced North along the BUSU River from 700509, 7 miles from the mouth.

Our artillery at 771443, on the River BUHEP 1 1/2 miles from the mouth engaged enemy strongpoints.

WAMPIT FORCE to 2000K/8

Patrols are active in the MARHEAN POINT area.

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/9

2/25 Aust Inf Bn is patrolling from MUHIM to YALU and SE along the MARHEAN Valley road.

Part of the 2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn is at NANAKAPOR.

No contact with the enemy was made by patrols to TALERANG 191559, 14 miles NW of HADZAB, and WAWIN 837639, 12 miles NW of HADZAB.

A tactical air reconnaissance at 0730K/9 reported no movement on the MARHEAN Road from YALU to 650418, 3 miles NE of LAE.

The HADZAB strip was unserviceable at 0430K/10.

2. Area SALAHUA

5 AUST DIV to 1400K/9

42 Aust Inf Bn has captured CHARLEY HILL 7295, 1 1/2 miles South of KENNEDY's Crossing.

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General Headquarters
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 515

Reference Maps: MUNIH 1/25,000
LAE 1/25,000
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HEATH'S 1/25,000
HADZAB 1/25,000
KOMIATON 1/25,000

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/11

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 0750K/11

Headquarters 9 Aust Div is now at 851450, 1 1/2 miles ESE of TALI.

Portion of 4 Aust Inf Bde Gp landed at BUSO Area during the night 10/11 Sep.

Heavy rain on the night 9/10 Sep delayed the crossing of the BUSU river. Later reports state that the river is still rising. This has prevented further crossings, but bridge equipment is being brought forward.

The forward battalion of 24 Aust Inf Bde holds a bridgehead at the mouth. It encountered and destroyed an enemy strong point at 741403, on the West bank of BUSU river mouth. A counter attack on the left flank was repulsed, forty JAPANESE being killed.

26 Aust Inf Bde continued to reconnoitre for a fordable crossing North from the river mouth.

There has been slight enemy shelling from medium guns in the vicinity of OLD YANGA (726405).

7 AUST DIV to 1440K/11

The valley road is jeepable from GABMATSUNG East to 526507, three miles SE of YALU.

25 Aust Inf Bde

Brigade headquarters and 2/23 Aust Inf Bn have reached MUNIH. 2/25 Aust Inf Bn continued to move SE from YALU and was reported in contact with a small ambush party in the vicinity of WHITTAKER'S 538463, thirty enemy being killed in positions at JENYNS 538464. Patrolling towards HEATHS continues.

2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn

The battalion is patrolling SE along the MARKHAM River from NARAKAPOR.

2. Area SALAMAUA

5 AUST DIV to 2000K/10

The third line of defence protecting SALAMAUA is now pierced. All units have made a general advance inflicting heavy casualties and capturing much equipment. Our artillery with heavy harassing and counter battery fire has facilitated the advance in all areas.

COASTAL Area

The ridge from point 800 yards NE of LOKANU 1 to 1500 yards NW of LOKANU 1 (784964 - 748965) has been captured and our troops are exploiting along the coastal track. Three 75 mm and one 105 mm guns were found on the beach North of LOKANU.

SCOUT RIDGE

The enemy has been driven back to 753973, one mile NNW of LOKANU 1 and to 745988, one mile NW of LOKANU 1.

The advance continues and our troops are exploiting towards NUK NUK.

KENNEDY'S Crossing Area

Further advance has been made on the Spur North from CHARLEY'S HILL 7295 where 80 enemy dead were counted.

The enemy has been driven from the defensive positions NE of the KUNAI SPUR. KENNEDY'S Crossing has been captured and our troops are pushing on towards the knoll at 730988, 1000 yards NE of KENNEDY'S Crossing. 130 recent enemy dead were counted.

SALAMADA Area

Two attacks were made by our troops North of the FRANCISCO River, the first to the East at 718985, one mile NNE of OLD BOBDUBI and the other to the North at 718003, 400 yards NW of SWAN'S Observation Post. Later the enemy unsuccessfully counter attacked 718985. Our troops occupied positions at 715000, 500 yards West of SWAN'S Observation Post.

Later reports state that despite heavy rain causing landslides the general advance continued. The forward troops reached the line of FRANCISCO RIVER by 1930K/10. Attempts to cross were impeded by flooding.

An observer reports that one coy swam the river and occupied SALAMAUA Airfield at 0830K/11.

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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 516.

Reference Maps:

MUNIM	- 1/25000
LAE	- 1/25000
BUSE	- 1/25000
HEATH'S	- 1/25000
NADZAB	- 1/25000
KOMIATUM	- 1/25000
SALAMANA	- 1/25000
RAMU	- 4 inch STRAT.

NEW GUINEA.

1 ANST CORPS to 1000K/12

1. Area LAE

9 ANST DIV to 2000K/11

Enemy shelled vicinity of the mouths of BUNGA and BUREP Rivers, but no damage resulted.

Patrolling continued North along BUSU River to KUNDA Bridge 6854, 1 mile South MUSOM.

A patrol clash on the East bank of BUSU River caused some Japanese casualties.

Movement was slowed down by further heavy rain and flooding of the BUSU River. There was also a high surf running.

20 Anst Inf Bde

This Brigade is being relieved by 4 Anst Inf Bde in the BUSEO Area and is moving West.

24 Anst Inf Bde

The forward battalion of the brigade was astride the Creek at 739400 West of the mouth of the BUSU River and patrolled West. 111 Japanese dead were counted and a quantity of enemy equipment was captured.

Other troops of the Brigade crossed the River BUSU at the mouth in pints.

26 Anst Inf Bde

Further attempts to cross the river to the North were hindered by enemy machine gun fire.

7 ANST DIV to 0800K/12

25 Anst Inf Bde

Observer reports state that Brigade Headquarters and 2/33 Anst Inf Bn are at YALU.

The move towards HEATHS continued. One company 2/25 Anst Inf Bn contacted the enemy, estimated strength 200, in JENSON'S Plantation area.

Patrols down the headwaters of the River KUMBU from YALU, North to CAMP DIBBY and West to River KRAP made no contact with the enemy.

3 Bn 503 US Parachute Inf Regt came under command of 25 Aust Inf Bde at KUMBU on 11 Sep 43.

2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn is at 569435 on the left bank of the MAREHAM River six miles from the mouth. Casualties were inflicted to a Japanese patrol at 572457.

2/4 Aust Fd Regt in action 300 yards WSW YALU at 543548 and 1 1/2 miles SSE of YALU at 554525 shelled HEATHS.

There were no arrivals at HADZAB on 9, 10 and 11 Sep. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn and two 25 pounder guns of 2/4 Aust Fd Regt arrived on 12 Sep.

2. AREA SALAMANA
1 ANST DIV to 2000R/11

By 0830R/11 our forward troops crossed the FRANCISCO River unopposed in the vicinity of 740988, 300 yards SE of the strip and reached the SALAMANA airfield. Movement was greatly hampered by heavy rain which has caused the river to flood and has rendered crossing slow and difficult. Later on 11 Sep further crossings of the FRANCISCO River were made at 730989, 800 yards West of the airfield and at 741988, immediately South of the airfield. By 1800R/11 Sep SALAMANA was occupied up to and including the ISTHMS.

Main resistance of the enemy is now on the high ground running North towards KILA Point and from well prepared positions on a general line 740011, 1 1/2 miles West of the ISTHMS to 700006, 2 1/2 miles West of the ISTHMS. 2/7 Aust Inf Bn is South of these positions.

3. AREA BEKA BEKA
BEKA FORCE to 1000R/12

A patrol from MATANAUVA contacted a patrol from BEKA at KATHEA (N.O. 3960) 22 miles North of BEKA BEKA.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 517

Reference Maps:	MUTINI	1/25000
	LAE	1/25000
	BUSU	1/25000
	HEATH'S	1/25000
	SALAMUA	1/25000
	WAGO	1 inch to 1 mile
	LAE	4 inch STRAT

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1200K/13

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 2000K/12

Our artillery has been active against enemy positions near KALAHANG and LAE Airfields.

At 1200K/12 twelve enemy aircraft bombed the general area of the SURUP River causing some casualties and damage.

24 Aust Inf Bde

By 0800K/12 two battalions were east of the BUSU River with the forward elements at 73440E, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SE of KALAHANG Airfield and 72939S, on the coast 2 miles East of LAE. The third battalion was expected to cross the river on the night 12/13 Sep.

26 Aust Inf Bde

Patrols are still reconnoitering for a river crossing North of the mouth of the BUSU River.

A small JAPANESE party was successfully ambushed at KUMDA Bridge.

20 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade less 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is West of the BUSU River in area 0141 and is moving to APO.

7 AUST DIV to 2300K/12

A tactical air reconnaissance reports that the KAYAPIT airstrip has been recently cleared.

23 Aust Inf Bde

Observer reports to 1740K/13 state that the 2/25 Aust Inf Bn was attacking and advancing towards WHITTAKER and HEATHS. 2/33 Aust Inf Bn was at 535468, 400 yards South of JENSONS and patrolling towards 532450, 600 yards West of HEATHS. 2/31 Aust Inf Bn was at 568404, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW of JENSONS.

2/2 Aust Par Bn was patrolling to 535443, 700 yards SW of HEATHS.

NAMPIT FORCE to 0800K/12

Our troops have made further advances against defense positions in the MARKHAM POINT area. There were no five known enemy casualties in the action in the MARKHAM POINT area.

A standing patrol has been established North of the mouth of the BUANG River.

2. Area SALAMAU
5 AUGST DIV to 2000K/12

The peninsula, port and town of SALAMAU are in our hands. The enemy has been completely routed and remnants are fleeing North with our troops in close pursuit. During 11 Sep the advance to KELA continued and by 2000K/11 forward troops had reached 784017, 300 yards South of KELA. By 1200K/12 the enemy were North of a line East-West through ASINI, 708037. Much equipment was captured.

On 12 Sep a PIPER CUB aircraft landed on the SALAMAU airfield.

3. Area KELA KELA
KELA FORCE to 2300K/13

No further reports.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 516

Reference Maps: LAE 1/25000
HEATHS 1/25000
HALAHANG 1/25000
MARKHAM 4 inch STRAT

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 2330K/14

1. Area LAE
2 AUST DIV to 0600K/14

On the night 12/13 Sep further artillery including two 155 mm guns were landed.

24 Aust Inf Bde

On 12 Sep forward troops captured two enemy positions on the coastal track and occupied a dump at 721392, 1 1/2 miles south of HALAHANG airfield.

The enemy were driven from NEW YANGA. At last light the brigade was on a general line NEW YANGA to 727406, 1/2 mile SSE HALAHANG airfield to the coast at 721392.

The advance was continued on the night 13/14 Sep. 2/32 Aust Inf Bn was relieved by 2/17 Aust Inf Bn west of the mouth of the BUSU River.

26 Aust Inf Bde

On the night 15/14 Sep the brigade commenced crossing BUSU River in the vicinity 7146, 4 miles from the river mouth, against opposition.

20 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade less 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is moving to the BUREP River.

7 AUST DIV to 1300K/14

25 Aust Inf Bde

Brigade Headquarters is established at 568492, 1 1/2 miles NE of JENDONG.

Supporting artillery is located at 553526, 1 1/2 miles SSE of YALP.

During 12 Sep the forward troops drove the enemy from two positions in the vicinity of WHITTAKER, 588483 inflicting casualties and capturing equipment.

During 13 Sep 2/25 Aust Inf Bn engaged the enemy in the area WHITTAKER'S BRIDGE, 591457. The 2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn under command 25 Aust Inf Bde patrolled to the vicinity of HEATHS and made contact with 2/33 Aust Inf Bn patrol. Enemy casualties in this area to 13 Sep were approximately 100. Our casualties were light.

During the morning 14 Sep HEATHS was captured.

Patrols along the MARKHAM River have reached 584433, approximately five miles from the River mouth without contacting the enemy. Patrols followed the MARINSERA Creek to the MARKHAM ROAD at 612433, 1 1/2 miles SE of HEATHS.

An observer report to 2000K/14 states that VERHOE'S, 1/2 mile SE of HEATHS has been captured.

VAMPIR FORCE to 2130K/13

Visual communication has been established with 2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn across the MARKHAM River. Our troops have encircled the enemy position in the vicinity of MARKHAM POINT.

2. Area SALAMUA
5 AUST DIV to 0800K/14

During 13 Sep 25 Aust Inf Bde continued pursuit of the enemy North of SALAMUA. Only minor opposition was encountered. Four unserviceable guns including two 155 mm were found in the BUNHAP area.

Our forward troops are at the river crossing 659033, 4 miles NW of ASINI.

3. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 1405K/14

Native reports believed reliable state that the JAPANESE have cut the KAIAPIT Airfield. Enemy are at nearby villages and are building a bridge across the MARKHAM River in the vicinity of KATI River 147737, 8 miles NW of KAIAPIT.

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	Capt	H.G. BATES
GSO III	Capt	F.S. BURR
	Capt	A.S. DUNSTAN
	Lieut	J.W. RUNGE

ARRIVALS AT ADV LHQ 1 Sep - 15 Sep

Lieut J.W. RUNGE marched in from 11 Aust Mot Regt (10 Sep)

DEPARTURES FROM ADV LHQ 1 Sep - 15 Sep

Maj	H.C. KAISER	marched out to HQ NGF 14 Sep
Capt	J.G. SEDGLEY	" " " " " "

CHANGES IN APPT

Capt H.G. BATES transferred from GS(SD) on appt GSO II vice Maj H.C. KAISER.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 513.

Reference Maps: LAE 1/25000
HEATHS 1/25000
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile
MADZAB 1/25000
MARKHAM 4" STRAT

NEW GUINEA

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS to 1000K/15

1. Area LAE

9 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2000K/14

There are no further reports.

7 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2000K/14

By 0710K/14 HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde and 2/25 Aust Inf Bn were at HEATHS where much equipment was captured.

Forward troops advancing in the area 613433, 1 1/2 miles SE of HEATHS are in contact.

Reports from Observer to 1800K/15 state that EDWARDS has been captured.

Up to 14 Sep 43, 7 Aust Div had inflicted 300 casualties on the enemy. Our losses were slight.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and 2/14 Aust Inf Bn have arrived at MADZAB.

At 1815K/13 a patrol on the BOANA track six hours North of Camp DIDDY encountered JAPANESE strongpoints.

WAPIT FORCE to 0800K/14

At 1405K/13 a patrol reached a point 1300 yards from the coast on the North bank of the BUANG River, but difficult country prevented further movement.

Harassing of the enemy in the MARKHAM POINT area continues.

2. Area SALAMUA

5 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2000K/14

29 Aust Inf Bde has continued the advance North and reached a point 631157, approximately 4 miles South of the mouth of the BUANG River. An unopposed barge landing has been made in the area 5324, 1 1/2 miles North of the mouth of the BUANG River.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 520.

Reference Maps: HEATH'S 1/25000
LAE 1/25000
BOANA 1 inch to 1 mile.

WEST GUINOA.

1 AUST CORPS to 2000H/15

1. Area LAE

2 AUST DIV to 1800H/15

24 Aust Inf Bde

The Brigade continued to advance West against strong opposition, capturing enemy positions MALAMANG ANCHORAGE and VILLAGE 715399 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South MALAMANG AIRFIELD. In late afternoon the Brigade reached line 713391, one mile East of LAE, to track junction 717400, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SSE MALAMANG MISSION, to cross roads 718406 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East MALAMANG MISSION, enemy strong points being attacked.

Observers report that at 1800H/15 2/32 Aust Inf Bn was occupying MALAMANG MISSION. 2/43 Aust Inf Bn (less 2d Aust Inf Bde) occupied ANCHORAGE 715392, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles East of LAE and is moving in a South Westerly direction.

25 Aust Inf Bde

Further two battalions 25 Aust Inf Bde crossed BUSU River north on the night 14/15 Sep.

26 Aust Inf Bde

The Brigade was further held up by machine gun fire while crossing BUSU River. One battalion completed crossing at 2000H/14 and another battalion followed.

One hundred JAPANESE were reported by 2/4 Aust Indep Coy at 1145H/14 to be heading North at 697513, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles North north on West bank BUSU River.

Observers report to 1200H/15 states 2/23 Aust Inf Bn was 1000 yards SE KAMFAREH.

7 AUST DIV to 1400H/16

Observer Reports to 1240H/16 indicate that at 0835H/16 S Bn 503 US Regt was in contact with the enemy in the vicinity 592550, 5 miles North of HEATH'S, and a detachment 2/15 Aust Inf Bn was advancing to the same area. At 1055H/16 2/32 Aust Inf Bn and 2/33 Aust Inf Bn were attacking enemy troops 631431 300 yards West of COX.

2/25 Aust Inf Bn patrolled line 638443, 1000 yards East HATH'S to 638443, 400 yards NE SOI. No enemy were reported. The battalion then advanced on LAE.

2/25 Aust Pioneer Bn patrolled to 647393, one mile from mouth HARKHAN River, then advanced on LAE. LAE was reported to be occupied at 1240E/14. 2/14 Aust Inf Bn is moving North towards BOANA.

WAMPIT FORCE to 2200E/14

Patrols reported to be within 200 yards of JAPANESE positions at HARKHAN POINT. No movement was seen at 1600E/14.

2. Area SALAMAVA
5 AUST DIV to 0800E/15

No change.

3. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 1400E/15

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Reference Maps: LAE 1/25000
WAGO 1 inch to 1 mile
MUNIE 1/25000
HEATH'S 1/25000

NEW GUINEA

1. AUST CORPS to 2000K/16

1. Area LAE

4 AUST DIV to 2000K/16

No further reports.

7 AUST DIV to 1425K/17

Observer report to 1410K/16 states that HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde was at 681300, at the North end of the LAE airfield, with 2/51 Aust Inf Bn at 687300, at the South end of the airfield, 2/53 Aust Inf Bn at 686415, 1000 yards North of the airfield, and 2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn at 686394, on the airfield.

Heavy casualties were heavy.

HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and 2/16 Aust Inf Bn were at YALU with 2/16 Aust Inf Bn moving to BOANA.

Observer report to 1425K/17 states that there are no enemy troops from YALU to 681410, 4 miles North of HEATH'S in the MATHAN Valley.

The MATHAN Valley road is jeopahle from GABNACBUN 615545 East to LAE.

HAIRY FORCE

The JAPANESE are reported to be in strong positions at MATHAN POINT.

TELI TELI FORCE to 2200K/16

A report states that the JAPANESE (sightly strong) have reinforced KALPIR.

2. Area JALANAU

4 AUST DIV to 1900K/16

During 18 Sep 45 Aust Inf Bde continued the pursuit Northwards killing sixty JAPANESE. The SPUR at 686397, 1000 yards NE of SUGAR LOAF, has been occupied and a standing patrol established at 686351, 4 miles North of SUGAR LOAF.

Observer to 1900K/16 reports that 15 Aust Inf Bn is at 686200, 2 mile NNE of SUGAR LOAF.

A patrol has occupied LANU 1377, moving North while a further patrol moving round the Eastern edge of the

camp reached 203000, 3 1/2 miles SSE of KAHANAH POINT.

3. ~~ARMY UNIT~~ ~~ARMY UNIT~~ to 0830/17

Reliable natives report enemy moving from the KAT
COAST and Upper KAHANAH to the KATAPIT area. Small
bodies of enemy are engaged in the bush in the
vicinity with armed natives patrolling the KAHANAH
River.

On the morning of 17 Sep 2/C Aust Troop Coy deployed
at KAHANAH, 8 miles SSE of KATAPIT.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 522

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LAE 1/25000
HOPOI 1/25000
MARKHAM 4 mile Strat

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000X/18

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 2000X/17

Headquarters 9 Aust Div is moving to 737408, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile ESE of HALAHANG Airfield, with the 24 Aust Inf Bde and 28 Aust Inf Bde (less 2/24 Aust Inf Bn) in the LAE area. The 2/24 Aust Inf Bn was at the junction of the BUSU - SAKWEP Rivers en route for GANAM, 16 miles North of LAE.

On 17 Sep 20 Aust Inf Bde arrived in the HALAHANG area, and moved up the BUSU River to a point $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of HALAHANG Airfield.

At 2215X/16 two enemy aircraft dropped bombs in the HOPOI area without causing damage.

7 AUST DIV to 2000X/17

A few enemy troops were reported at 605518, 4 miles North of HEATH'S.

21 Aust Inf Bde

Brigade Headquarters is at YALU.

E/14 Aust Inf Bn passed through CAMP DIDDY on the afternoon of 16 Sep en route to BOANA. By 17 Sep forward patrols had reached BOANA.

2/16 Aust Inf Bn has completed the landing at HADZAB, and by 17 Sep had reached 587569, 3 miles ENE of YALU without contacting the enemy.

25 Aust Inf Bde

The brigade and E/R Aust Pioneer Bn are at LAE.

503 US Inf Regt

At 1300X/17 a patrol from 5 Bn contacted the enemy in position at 605527, 4 miles ESE of YALU, and inflicted some casualties.

2. Area SALAHUA

5 AUST DIV to 2000X/17

Observer reports that the forward elements of 15 Aust Bn reached LAE No 1, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile SW of mouth of the MARKHAM River, and MARKHAM POINT.

3. Area BEMA BEMA
AREA FORCE to 2800K/18
No further reports.

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Reference Maps:- NADZAB 3550 1 inch series
NADANG 4 mile STRAT
MARKHAM 4 mile STRAT

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000 R/18

1. Area LAE

9 AUST DIV to 2000 R/18

No change.

7 AUST DIV to 2000 R/18

Hq 21 Aust Inf Bde is at HAT'S CAMP, 2 1/2 miles North of NADZAB Airfield with 2/16 Aust Inf Bn moving to the same area from MUNUM.

25 Aust Inf Bde with 2/2 Aust Pnr Bn under command, moved RN from LAE to MUNUM WATERS.

WAMPIT FORCE to 0800 R/18

On 17 Sep our troops occupied JAPANESE positions MARKHAM POINT and were patrolling towards LAEU.

2. Area SALAWATA

5 AUST DIV to 2000 R/18

On 18 Sep, forward troops 29 Aust Inf Bde engaged a party of enemy believed to be from MARKHAM POINT area, in the vicinity LAEU 1 and LAEU 3. At least twenty-five JAPANESE were killed.

3. Area SANGAI

7 AUST DIV to 2000 R/18

2/6 Aust Indep Coy reports no enemy in SANGAI area. On 18 Sep, accompanied by "B" Coy Papuan Infantry Battalion, it was advancing to KAIAPIT.

4. Area BERA BERA

BERA FORCE to 2000 R/18

Natives report that an unknown number of enemy arrived at OLD DUMPU on the night 15/16 Sep. A patrol is investigating.

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Reference Maps: BOANA 1 inch series
CHGA 1 inch series
HADZAB 1 inch series

NEW GUINEA

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS to 1000K/20

1. Area LAE
5 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 0800K/19

No change.

WAMPIT FORCE to 2000K/18

Patrols from TARI, 3 miles from the mouth of the HAREHAR river, to LABU captured eighteen JAPANESE at TARI. Later, contact was made with forward troops from 29 Aust Inf Bde from the SALAWATA area.

One 105 mm gun and two 70/75 mm guns were captured.

2. Area HADZAB
7 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 0800K/20

21 Aust Inf Bde

2/14 Aust Inf Bn is making an encircling movement against an unknown number of JAPANESE holding BOANA.

2/18 Aust Inf Bn is at MAC'S CAMP.

23 Aust Inf Bde

Brigade headquarters, 2/25 Aust Inf Bn and 2/33 Aust Inf Bn are at GARNATSUNG. 2/21 Aust Inf Bn and 2/2 Aust Pioneer Bn are in the OLD MUMU area.

503 US Inf Regt

On 18 Sep 3 Bn departed for PORT MORESBY.

3. Area SALAWATA

5 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 0800K/20

On 16 Sep forward troops of 29 Aust Inf Bde contacted patrols from WAMPIT FORCE.

4. Area SARUAN
7 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 0800K/20

On 18 Sep 2/6 Aust Indep Coy occupied KAIAPIT killing twenty JAPANESE and driving fifty to one hundred from KAIAPIT. Patrolling continues.

5. ANAS BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 1700H/20

No further reports.

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**General Headquarters,
SOUTH WEST PACIFIC AREA.**

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 554.

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NEW GUINEA

1. AREA CUBES to 1000K/21

1. AREA LAR
2. AREA DIV to 0800K/21

Reporting up of JAPANESE stragglers continues in the vicinity of 0800K/21, in the BIRU Valley 11 miles North of LAR, and from GANAN to 7150K/21, 21 miles North of HALABAH ALKILIA.

2. AREA BIDAH
7. AREA DIV to 0800K/21

21. Area Div 1000

2/14 Area Div 21 which is returning to CAMP DUDU reports no further contact with the enemy in the BOANA area.

3. AREA THILI THILI

At 2000K/20 THILI THILI force was concentrating at THILI THILI for return to BIRUKI.

4. AREA KAIAPIT
7. AREA DIV to 0800K/21

On night 12/20 Sep two JAPANESE attacks on our perimeter at KAIAPIT were repulsed. The second attack was by two hundred JAPANESE of whom one hundred and twenty were killed. Our casualties were thirty.

The 2/6 Area Div Coy counter-attacked and by 1000K/20 captured all KAIAPIT village and mission.

At 1000K/20 two platoons of the Papua Infantry Battalion arrived at KAIAPIT.

5. AREA BIRU BIRU
10. AREA DIV to 2000K/20

A patrol reports no enemy at DUDU.

6. AREA BALANATA
8. AREA DIV to 2000K/20

No change.

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Reference Maps	AMARI	1 inch
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	EADZAB	1 inch
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SEE OUTLINE:

1 AUST CORPS to 1715K/22

1. Area PINSCHAPEN

9 AUST DIV to 1715K/22

At 0445K/22 Sep, 20 Aust Inf Bde Gp, supported by naval and air bombardment, landed in the vicinity of the SONG RIVER, two miles North of PINSCHAPEN, and captured newly prepared enemy defences with light casualties.

Three hundred enemy North of the SONG River retired as soon as our landing was effected.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn with portion of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn advanced Southwards and drove the enemy from KATIRA, 634680, killing twenty. By 1715K/22 one company of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn was in the vicinity of PINSCHAPEN airfield 635645.

Portion of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn moved Northwards and occupied BONGA, 3 1/2 miles North of the mouth of the SONG RIVER without opposition.

Up to 0845K/22 no enemy air attacks were reported. Enemy aircraft later intervened and our A/A was in action.

Dispositions as at 1300K/22 were as follows:-

HQ 20 Aust Inf Bde	632631, 1/2 mile South of the mouth of the SONG RIVER.
2/13 Aust Inf Bn	620665, 1 mile SW of KATIRA 632660, 1 mile South of KATIRA 647687, 1 mile SE of KATIRA.
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	Reserve in KATIRA area.
2/17 Aust Inf Bn	642700, 1/2 mile North of the mouth of the SONG RIVER.

2. Area EADZAB

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/21

Observer reports state that HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde and one Coy 2/16 Aust Inf Bn moved by air to KALAPIT. Further elements of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn have left

HADZAB for KALAPIT by air.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn is at CAMP DIDDY.

9 AUST DIV to 2000K/21

2/24 Aust Inf Bn (26 Aust Inf Bde) is endeavouring to cut off a large enemy party which is moving NW of 847563, approximately 8 miles East of NEW HUNUM.

KALAPIT FORCE to 0200K/21

No change.

3. Area SALAMAU

5 AUST DIV to 2000K/21

No change.

4. Area HENA HENA

HENA FORCE to 2000K/21

HARANASA natives report that there were 200 JAPANESE at HARATANOA some days ago. It is thought that this party may have moved to KALAPIT area.

5. ENEMY CASUALTIES

NEW GUINEA Force reports enemy casualties are as follows:

SALAMAU area

2227 killed between 30 Jun/25 Aug 43.
1915 killed between 26 Aug/15 Sep 43.

LAE area

2240 known killed between 4/15 Sep 43.

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General Headquarters
SOUTHEAST PACIFIC AREA

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 527

Reference Maps: MONOI river 1 inch
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FINSCHHAFEN 1 inch
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NEW GUINEA

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS to 1000K/23

1. Area FINSCHHAFEN
9 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 1000K/23

20 Aust Inf Bde

During the afternoon of 22 Sep some enemy bunkers West and NW of KATIKA were reduced by our attacks, but some enemy pockets are still holding out.

Our advance South continues. The forward troops of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn are at 632845, 200 yards NE of FINSCHHAFEN Airfield.

Portion of 2/13 Aust Inf Bn and one platoon of PIB are exploiting along the SATLBERG track. Portion of PIB is at BONGAB and 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is covering the North flank along the SONG river.

Our 23 Pdrs are in action shelling FINSCHHAFEN.

Headquarters of 20 Aust Inf Bde is at 637685, 1 mile SW of the mouth of the SONG river.

At 0930K/22 Sep the landing beach was bombed resulting in one casualty and no damage. It was again bombed at 1250 hrs, but no details are available.

4 Aust Inf Bde

The forward battalion of 4 Aust Inf Bde is moving East and at 1830K/22 had reached WIDERU area 1940, six miles East of HOPOI Airfield.

2. Area LAE
9 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 1000K/23

2/24 Aust Inf Bn is in the difficult country West of MUBOH. The main JAPANESE force is reported in the area 633575, three miles WSW of MUBOH.

5 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2000K/22

Divisional headquarters is at 633409, 1 1/2 miles WSW of MALAHANG Airfield.

3. Area KALAPIIT
7 Aust Div to 2235K/22

in enemy order dated 8 Sep captured at KALAPIIT indicates that the JAPANESE intended reinforcing MARKHAM VALLEY with a task force comprising the 73 Regt. The advance troops of this force were to reach KALAPIIT on 20 Sep, and indications prove that the enemy force defeated at KALAPIIT on 19/20 Sep 43 was this advance guard.

2/18 Aust Inf Bn is now complete at KALAPIIT, and a detachment 2/14 Aust Inf Bn arrived in that area on 22 Sep.

4. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 1045K/23

Natives report only a small enemy patrol at MARAWASE.

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General Headquarters,
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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Reference Maps:

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BOANA	1 inch series
WADZAB	1 inch series
MASAWENG River	1 inch series
PIESCHAPEN	1 inch series
MOKOI River	1 inch series

NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/24

1. Area PIESCHAPEN

2 AUST DIV to 2000K/23

20 Aust Inf Bde

The advance southwards continues. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn has reached the North bank of the BUMI River at 635600, 2 1/2 miles South of PIESCHAPEN airfield, with little opposition. The enemy are reported to be dug in on the South bank of the BUMI River near the mouth at 636599. The forward troops of 2/15 Aust Inf Bn are moving West to outflank this position and one company against heavy opposition and in difficult country has advanced South to 615531, 1 1/2 miles West of mouth of BUMI River. Our casualties were light.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn is moving South from PIESCHAPEN airfield.

Natives report enemy positions South and West of LANGEMAK BAY, 5 miles South of PIESCHAPEN airfield at GODOWA 6255, BUTAWING SAWMILL 6054 and TIMBULUN PLANTATION 6254.

SATELBERG is reported to be clear of enemy.

Dispositions at 1830K/23 were:-

20 Aust Inf Bde Headquarters 631625, 1/2 mile South of PIESCHAPEN airfield.

2/15 Aust Inf Bn 635601, 2 1/2 miles South of PIESCHAPEN airfield.

2/13 Aust Inf Bn 6263, PIESCHAPEN airfield area.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn 6368 South of the mouth of the SORA River.

4 Aust Inf Bde

At 1300K/23 22 Aust Inf Bn contacted the enemy at 315325 4 miles SW of the mouth of the MOKOI River. By 1400K/23 forward troops had reached 312393.

Enemy Air. At 1730K/23 aircraft unsuccessfully bombed the beach South of the SORA River. No details yet to hand.

2. Area LAR

9 AUST DIV to 2000K/23

25 Aust Inf Bde

Patrols from 2/4 Aust Indep Coy and 2/24 Aust Inf Bn are engaging the enemy in the area 635E, 6356 10 1/2 miles North of the mouth of the HANKEHAN River.

3. Area TSILI TSILI

The concentration of 57/60 Aust Inf Bn at TSILI TSILI was proceeding on 23 Sep.

4. Area NADZAB

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/23

2/2 Aust Par Bn is at CAMP DIDDY with patrols forward to BOANA.

24 Aust Inf Bn from WAMPIT FORCE is moving to NADZAB.

5. Area KAIAPIT

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/23

21 Aust Inf Bde

Observer reports to 1000K/23 state that HQ 2/16 Aust Inf Bn is at ANTIRIGAN 7692, approximately 4 miles WNW of KAIAPIT, with forward troops in contact with the JAPANESE at UMI River crossing 7693, 6 miles WNW of KAIAPIT.

The 2/27 Aust Inf Bn has arrived at KAIAPIT.

6. Area BENA BENA

BENA FORCE to 2000K/24

No further reports

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NEW GUINEA

1 AUST CORPS to 1000K/25

1. Area FINSCHAFEN
9 AUST DIV to 2000K/24

20 Aust Inf Bde

Forward troops near the coast overcame some slight opposition at KANLOA. At 1330K/24 two coys 2/15 Aust Inf Bn moved west along the BUMI River. An enemy patrol at 631602, 700 yards WSW KANLOA, was overcome and the River BUMI was crossed at 612595, 1 1/2 miles from the river mouth, against heavy opposition. At 1600K/24 one company was at 615591, 1 1/2 miles SW of KANLOA. By 2050K/24 four coys 2/13 Aust Inf Bn had crossed the BUMI River and were in the area 615561. The enemy is opposing this movement.

One company of 2/17 Aust Inf Bn is moving towards SATLEBERG MISSION to investigate a report that a military party is in that area.

4 Aust Inf Bde

By 1000K/24 forward troops of 22 Aust Inf Bn had reached TANIGUDU 340385.

2. Area LAE
9 AUST DIV to 2000K/24

28 Aust Inf Bde

2/24 Aust Inf Bn found much equipment on a well worn track which runs from 645565, 2 miles WNW of MUSEM, along the creek to 625558 to spur 618558 thence apparently to YALU.

Pursuit of enemy remnants is continuing in difficult country.

Main enemy force is believed to be in the area 6258, in the BUSU Valley four miles SW of MUSEM.

3. Area NADZAB
7 AUST DIV to 2000K/24

An ANGAU officer reports no JAPANESE at BOANA although

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was recently occupied with strong defences.

2/14 Aust Inf Bn less three plane loads is at NADZAB.

4. Area KAIAPIT
7 AUST DIV to 2000K/24

21 Aust Inf Bde

Observer reports to 1438K/24 state that one company of 2/18 Aust Inf Bn crossed the UMI River and advanced to 755935, 2 1/2 miles WNW of ANTIRIGAN. One company crossed the MARKHAM River and moved to the highground 743940, 3 miles ENE of ANTIRIGAN and overlooking SAUERAK.

Patrolling continues in the KAIAPIT area. Three plane loads of 2/14 Aust Inf Bn are at KAIAPIT.

PIR reports no enemy movement along the track NEWAPMARIE 850979, 5 miles north of KAIAPIT to GUARANTARI 892984, 6 miles NE of KAIAPIT. An air reconnaissance reports enemy defences in the area 7704 in the UMI Valley 7 1/2 miles North of ANTIRIGAN.

5. Area BENA BENA
BENA FORCE to 2000K/24

A patrol reports no enemy at BUMBUM. A small party of enemy is believed to have moved to KAIGULAN from BUMBUM on 23 Sep.

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	DUMPU	1 inch Series
	BUMI RIVER	1 inch Series
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NEW GUINEA

1 AUSST CORPS to 1000K/26

**1. Area FINSCHAFEN
9 AUSST DIV to 1400K/26**

20 Ausst Inf Bde

Observer reports to 0152K/26 state that there are enemy positions at 621590 to 628591, 1 1/2 miles WNW of FINSCHAFEN. Owing to the precipitous banks of the BUMI River the passage of the forward troops has been slow. A jeep head was established at 627603, 1/2 mile West of KAMLOA.

Observer reports to 1400K/26 state the enemy are at 618680, 1 mile West of KATIKA and 610670, 1 1/2 miles WSW of KATIKA and that the enemy are dug in at 609584, 2 1/2 miles West of FINSCHAFEN and 627595, 1/2 mile SW mouth of BUMI River. There are bunkers in the SALANKANA Plantation area, 1/2 mile SW of mouth of BUMI River.

One company of 2/17 Ausst Inf Bn is astride the SATELBERG track in the area 5866, 1 1/2 miles SE of SATELBERG. Three companies of 2/13 Ausst Inf Bn are South of the BUMI River from 615595 to 617587, 1 1/2 miles West of the mouth of the BUMI River to a point 1/2 mile further South.

Our artillery is active in all areas. Our air attacks are reported to be very accurate.

4 Ausst Inf Bde

Observer reports state the 22 Ausst Inf Bn has reached BONGI River, no contact being made with the enemy.

**2. Area LAE
5 AUSST DIV to 0800K/26**

At 1505K/24 a patrol from 15 Ausst Inf Bn attacked an enemy party in the vicinity of 595270, 8 miles SSW of MARKHAM River mouth. Patrols are now moving to cut off escape northwards.

3. AREA TAILI TAILI
TAILI TAILI RIVER to 2000H/25

"A" Coy 17/60 Aust Inf Bn and attached has returned to FORT MURRAY.

4. AREA KALAPIK
7 AMB DIV to 2000H/25

Observer reports to 2000H/25 state the 21 Aust Inf Bn is now complete at KALAPIK, with one section light 200 yards in the area. Portion of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn has occupied KASABAI. Patrols and air reconnaissance indicate a large enemy force about five miles NW of KALAPIK. There is a well worn track West of the fork of the UMI River (7700 positions SE of the river junction be from L&E.

From 1200H/27 BMA FORCE comes under command of 7 Aust Div.

5. AREA BMA BMA
BMA FORCE to 2000H/25

A patrol reports that on 24 Aug a village believed to be KESABAI 15 miles NW of DUMPU was occupied by fifty JAPANESE.

Several villages on the West bank of KESABIA River two miles SE of KESABAI are occupied by enemy of unknown strength.

The main track KESABAI - DUMPU appears little used. A reliable native reports about eighty JAPANESE with prepared defenses at OLD DUMPU.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT 531

Reference Maps:	FIENSHAPEN	1 inch Series
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NEW GUINEA

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS to 1000K/27

1. Area FIENSHAPEN
9 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 0630K/27

20 Aust Inf Bde

Observer report to 1515K/27

One Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn crossed to the South of the BUMI river against heavy opposition and captured enemy positions on the eastern slopes of the spur running NE in the area 6259, 1 mile SW of KALLOA. Enemy casualties were heavy. Our casualties were light. Elements of the battalion reached 627530 to 627532, 1 mile WNW of FIENSHAPEN, with little opposition. The forward troops are contacting the enemy in positions in the vicinity of ILKSEK CREEK 6359, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile SSW of KALLOA. 2/13 Aust Inf Bn is moving SE from the bridgehead over the BUMI river, in difficult country, on a three company front from 636595 to 627587 with two companies moving SE along the spur held by 2/15 Aust Inf Bn. The enemy are dug in from 623585 to 627585 on the spur, 1 mile West of FIENSHAPEN. There are bunkers in the SALAKAUA plantation area 6359.

During 26 Sep a patrol from 2/17 Aust Inf Bn engaged the enemy at 623686, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile WNW of KATIKA. A further patrol moved to the village 627688, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of KATIKA, successfully engaging two JAPANESE platoons. There are enemy troops in the area 616380 to 616670, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles WNW of KATIKA.

Enemy shell fire came from 636589, 1500 yards South of KALLOA.

A submarine approached the beach near the FIENSHAPEN airfield. When fired upon it retired.

4 Aust Inf Bde

The forward troops of 22 Aust Inf Bn moved 1000 yards East of the mouth of the HONGI river without contacting the enemy. Patrols are moving East and North towards SAMBEANG (4 mile strat LS 2958), eight miles North of mouth of HONGI river.

An unserviceable mountain gun was captured in the area 4142 three miles East of the mouth of the HONGI river.

2. Area LAR

9 AUST DIV to 0830K/27

26 Aust Inf Bde

Forward troops have found a large abandoned camp in the vicinity of 617595, in the BUSU valley 13 miles North of the mouth of the MARKHAM river. Natives state that the JAPANESE have left for MADANG.

WAMPIT Force

At 0800K/26 24 Aust Inf Bn was moving to concentrate at MADZAB.

3. Area NADZAB

7 AUST DIV to 0900K/27

Adv HQ 18 Aust Inf Bde has arrived at NADZAB.

TSILI TSILI FORCE came under command 7 Aust Div from 0900K/27.

4. Area KAIAPIT

7 AUST DIV to 0900K/27

21 Aust Inf Bde to 1500K/25

Dispositions on 25 Sep were:

Brigade headquarters	855910, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of KAIAPIT
2/16 Aust Inf Bn	822910, 2 miles WNW of KAIAPIT
2/14 Aust Inf Bn	835905, 1 mile West of KAIAPIT
2/27 Aust Inf Bn	850920, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of KAIAPIT
B Coy PIB	854826, KAIAPIT airfield
2/6 Aust Indep Coy	788922, ANTIRIGAN

Observer report to 0900K/27

By 2000K/26 a patrol of 2/16 Aust Inf Bn had reached RUMU 716953, 5 miles WNW of ANTIRIGAN without contacting the enemy, and by 0800K/27 reported from ANTIGIWAN, 1 mile NW of RUMU. There were no signs of occupation at ANTIGIWAN since 20 Sep.

The 2/6 Aust Indep Coy is patrolling in strength in the HARUAFUN area, 4 miles WNW of ANTIRIGA, where about seventy JAPANESE have been reported.

B Coy PIB has established an observation post at 840019, $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of KAIAPIT.

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NEW GUINEA

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS

1. Area FINSCHAPEN

9 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2030K/27

20 Aust Inf Bde

At 1300 hrs 27 Sep one Coy 2/13 Aust Inf Bn attacked and captured an enemy position at 622591, 1 1/2 miles West FINSCHAPEN. The battalion then advanced SE along spur against opposition, and at last light 27 Sep was disposed South of the spur 1 1/2 miles SW of KANLOA at 630598, 625597, 627598, 628593. Observer reports to 1915K/27 state the going has been bad with light casualties on both sides.

In the late afternoon of 26 Sep two Coys 2/15 Aust Inf Bn attacked an enemy position at 632593, on the ILBEE CREEK 1/2 mile NW FINSCHAPEN, killing 50 enemy dispersing the remainder. Our casualties were light. 2/15 Aust Inf Bn is now on the general line 630590, 628594, 628598, commanding the spur 1/2 mile SW KANLOA, to 635601 on the BUNI River 300 yards SW of KANLOA, and is closing on enemy positions at the SALAKAUA Plantation from the North and West.

2/17 Aust Inf Bn, less two Coys is in the area 630614, 1 mile North of KANLOA. Two Coys are in the areas 630658 and 632680 2 miles SE of SATLEBERG and KATIKA area. Observer reports to 1915K/27 state that there is one Coy of enemy at SATLEBERG.

Hq 20 Aust Inf Bde is at 630621 1 1/2 miles North of KANLOA.

On the 27 Sep 20 Aust Inf Bde captured a JAPANESE order directing one Bn Group to attack AUSTRALIAN Forces from the direction of SATLEBERG, the apparent object being to divide our forces. The attack was ordered for 26 Sep, but has NOT yet eventuated.

4 Aust Inf Bde

Observer reports to 0750K/28 state that Hq 32 Aust Inf Bn is at 436829, near TIGEDU. No contact has been made with the enemy, and an abandoned 75 mm gun was found at 330425, 1 mile East of the mouth of the KONGI River. Mountain guns were found at OLIGADU (344419), and 3 miles East of the mouth of the KONGI River.

2. Area MADZAB

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/27

HQ 24 Aust Inf Bn has opened in the MADZAB Area.

3. Area KAIAPIT

7 AUST DIV to 2000K/27

Observer Report to 2123K/27

21 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from 2/14 Aust Inf Bn is proceeding to 789045, 7 1/2 miles North of ANTIRIGAN. 2/16 Aust Inf Bn is moving to 785925, at ANTIRIGAN, to take up a defensive position. 2/6 Aust Indep Coy is patrolling to 780890, 4 miles North of ANTIRIGAN where the PIB patrols have reported enemy. B Coy PIB is patrolling to 780044 where a small party of JAPANESE has been contacted. This area is reported to be generally occupied by JAPANESE.

HQ 25 Aust Inf Bde has opened at KAIAPIT.

54 Bty 2/4 Aust Pd Regt arrived at KAIAPIT from MADZAB.

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	HONGI RIVER	1 inch Series
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NEW GUINEA

1 AUSTRALIAN CORPS to 1000K/29

1. Area PINSCHAPEN

9 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2100K/29

20 Aust Inf Bde

Latest EOP estimate of enemy strength in PINSCHAPEN area is minimum of 1000 and maximum of 1200.

Captured orders show that JAPANESE HQ is at 6131, 1 1/2 miles SSE of SATELENGO. The area is being engaged by our artillery. During the night 27/28 Sep the enemy three times unsuccessfully attacked one company 2/17 Aust Inf Bn at 576602, 1 1/2 miles SE of SATELENGO. 2nd Coy 2/15 Aust Inf Bn pushed forward 400 yards NNE from 625536, to a line of bunkers destroyed by artillery fire in SHANKAU Plantation area. Two companies 2/15 Aust Inf Bn advanced to 634583 and 635586, 1/2 mile West and WSW PINSCHAPEN, suffering only light casualties.

4 Aust Inf Bde

22 Aust Inf Bn has reached HANDE PT. 9 1/2 miles East of HONGI River mouth, without contacting the enemy. The battalion is now building up supplies for a further advance to KASANGA (6044) 5 1/2 miles NNE of HANDE PT.

2. Area LAE

6 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 2100K/29

24 Aust Inf Bde

A patrol from 2/24 Aust Inf Bn has reached 616636, 6 miles NW of HUSDE, killing 15 enemy. PIB reports the JAPANESE to be moving NW.

5 AUSTRALIAN DIV to 0600K/29

37/52 Aust Inf Bn (from 4 Aust Inf Bde) is at 718329, 1 1/2 miles East of LAE, and is under command 5 Aust Div. HQ 24 Aust Inf Bde is at 686483, 2 1/2 miles North of LAE airfield, and 47 Aust Inf Bn (29 Aust Inf Bde) at 687484, 2 1/2 miles North of LAE.

3. Area MADZAH

6 AUGST DIV to 0800K/28

15 Aust Inf Bde

HQ 15 Aust Inf Bde and part of 84 Aust Inf Bn have arrived in the MADZAH area.

4. Area KAIAPIT

7 AUGST DIV to 0800/28

21 Aust Inf Bde

21 Aust Inf Bde is continuing westward advance on HANAWASA.

Forward troops are at ANTIRIGAN 710000 with patrols further West. Enemy remnants in KAIAPIT area are being mopped up. Our patrols are in the vicinity of 790045, 7 1/2 miles North of ANTIRIGAN, and at HANUAPUN, 5 1/2 miles NW of ANTIRIGAN, investigating PIB reports of enemy parties.

An observer reports that HQ 21 Aust Inf Bde was established at SAGURAK at 0800K/28 Sep. Tactical air reconnaissance reports enemy digging at NAGITSARIA, 12 miles NW of ANTIRIGAN and that the footbridge at 777053, 8 miles North of ANTIRIGAN, has been completely destroyed.

25 Aust Inf Bde

2/31 and 2/33 Aust Inf Bns arrived at KAIAPIT, and are responsible for defence of KAIAPIT area from 0800K/28 Sep.

Wm Anderson *BJS*
General
Commander, Allied Land Forces

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ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

Adv LHQ

G/468.2/Ops

30 Sep 43

Subject: Army-Air Cooperation
Policy Pertaining to Firing on Hostile Aircraft.

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1. Attached hereto is copy of GHQ letter AG 353 (20 Sep 43) for the appropriate action.
2. This instruction applies only to ground troops and Lt AA units with field formations, and does not modify LHQ Standard Operational Procedure No. 6.
3. Please submit your recommendations in accordance with paragraph 2 of GHQ letter to this HQ by 10 Oct 43.

W M Anderson

Brigadier
General Staff

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

AG 353 (20 Sep43)C

A.P.O. 500
20 September 1943.

SUBJECT: Policy Pertaining to Firing on Hostile Aircraft.

TO : Commander, Allied Land Forces.
Commander, Allied Naval Forces.
Commander, Allied Air Forces.

1. It is desired that the following policies pertaining to firing on hostile aircraft be disseminated to all troops and that they be strictly observed in operations and training.

a. With the exception of AAA troops who are engaged under Air Force control in coordinated air defense, troops will not fire on any aircraft unless:

- (1) Recognized clearly as hostile.
- (2) Identified positively as hostile.
- (3) Attacked by the aircraft with bombs or gunfire.

b. Aircraft will be engaged only by controlled fire.
(Controlled fire is to be interpreted in terms of command rather than in terms of mechanical fire control methods).

c. Responsibility that all personnel of a command strictly observe the above policies rests personally with the commander of that echelon.

d. Tactical requirements permitting in combat zones, and during field exercises, aircraft will not fly along railroads or roads and will not approach friendly troops at low altitudes.

e. Cooperation on improvement regarding current combined air ground training will continue between Army air and ground forces. Theoretical instruction and practical experience in field exercises will be used to train both air and ground personnel thoroughly in the use of both safety lines and phase lines. Continuous intensive training must be given in recognition signals and identifications.

2. It is requested that recommendations concerning facilities required to accomplish necessary air-ground training and suggestions for improvement of training and operational procedures be submitted to this headquarters prior to 15 October, 1943.

For the Commander-in-Chief

(Sgd.) B.M. FITCH,
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General

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ALLIED LAND FORCES SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA.

Adv LHQ
G/848.01/Ops

30 Sep 43

Subject: Standard Time Signals

First Aust Army
Second Aust Army
Sixth US Army
2 Aust Corps
3 Aust Corps
NT Force
QLD L of C Area
NSW L of C Area
VIC L of C Area
SA L of C Area
WA L of C Area
TAS L of C Area

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IGA (2)

1. In order that the time may be synchronised between elements of all forces, GHQ SWPA have advised the following information which is promulgated herewith for guidance and necessary action by all concerned.

2. Times used by all forces in the SWPA will be synchronised by one of the undermentioned broadcasts:-

(a) Broadcasts from the Australian Mainland:

<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIME OF BROADCAST, GCT.</u>
VLG	9580	0100
VLG 2	9540	2200 2300
VLG 3	11710	1600 1700 1900 2000
VLG 6	15230	1200 1300
VLG 7	15160	0700 0800
VLI	9615	2200 (Opens with time signal)
VLI 2	11870	1700
VLI 9	7280	2000
VIM 3	6820	0800 1000 1200 1400 1600

Method of broadcast commences with a dot 40 seconds before the hour, followed by a dot every 10 seconds. From 55 to 60 there is a dot given every second, the last dot being exactly the hour.

(b) Broadcasts from U.S. Navy Honolulu:

<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>FREQUENCY</u>	<u>TIME FO BROADCAST, GCT.</u>
NPM	9090	0355 1555 1955
	12540	0355 1555 1955

The transmission of signals begins at 55 minutes 0 seconds of some hour, and continues for 5 minutes. Signals are transmitted on every second during that time, except that there is no signal on the 29th second of any minutes, nor on certain seconds at the ends of the minutes, as shown in the following diagram:

<u>MINUTE</u>	<u>SECOND</u>										
	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
57	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The dashes in the above diagram indicate seconds on which signals are transmitted. The seconds marked "60" are the zero seconds of the following minutes. All seconds from 0 to 50, inclusive, are transmitted except the 29th second, as explained above. The dash on the beginning of the hour (shown as 59 minutes 60 seconds above) is much longer than the others (i.e. 1.3 seconds).

In all cases the beginnings of the dashes indicate the beginnings of the seconds, and the ends of the dashes are without significance.

It will be noted that the number of dashes sounded in the group at the end of any minute indicates the number of minutes of the signal yet to be sent.

REPETITIONS: In case of the failure of a signal, it is repeated one hour later.

Wm Anderson
Brigadier
General Staff

LIST OF OFFICERS - GS OPS ADV LHQ
as at 30 Sep 43.

APPX 35 to WAR DIARY for Sep 43

GSO I	Lt-Col	G.A. BERTRAM
GSO II	Maj	W. KIDSTON
	Maj	W.D. MATTHEW
	Capt	H.G. BATES
GSO III	Capt	P.S. BURR
	Capt	A.S. DUNSTAN
	Lieut	J.W. RUNGE

Arrivals at Adv LHQ 15-30 Sep.

Maj W.D. MATTHEW marched in from HQ 3 Aust Armd Div (29 Sep)

2. Oct 43.

G.A. Bertram
 Lt-Col.
 GS (OPS)